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# LATE GOAL IS REWARD FOR

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Saints set out their stall from the off, pressing United high up the pitch and in numbers.

They created the first half chance too, on eight minutes, as Steven Davis flighted in a cross from the right.

Jay Rodriguez rose above Rafael at the far post but the ball was just a little too high for him to control his header and it went over. However,

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United's attacking threat always looked impressive and that was underlined by Robin Van Persie coming very close with an outlandish lofted half volley with the outside of his boot that almost dropped into the far corner.

He came even closer on 12 minutes as Nani got in down the right and picked out the Dutchman 12 yards out but his low first time shot was fairly central and saved low down by Artur Boruc.

The attempts kept on coming and this time it was Victor Wanyama trying his luck from 20 yards out but dragging his shot wide of the near post.

Dani Rodriguez was presented with a great chance for Saints on 24 minutes.

Adam Lallana took advan-

tage of a heavy touch from Wayne Rooney to rob him of the ball and quickly squared it to Osvaldo, who was unmarked just inside the area.

The Italian had the freedom to take a first time shot, but couldn't make a clean connection and it allowed David De Gea to get down to his left to make a comfortable save.

Saints were made to pay for that miss as United took the lead just two minutes later.

Adnan Januzaj played a ball from the halfway that set Rooney clear in behind Jose Fonte, though replays suggested that may have been because he was marginally offside.

Boruc charged out of his goal to make a good save at the striker's feet but the rebound was picked up by Van Persie.

He sprinted past the keeper and fired in a shot that it looked like Dejan Lovren might be able to stop on the line but he had already committed to slide in and could only watch as it agonisingly rolled past where he had just come from and into the net.

It almost got even worse on 28 minutes as Nani picked out Rooney on the penalty spot and he drove in effort that beat Boruc but not the crossbar and rebounded back out to safety.

Lovren tried to level things again with a shot from 25 yards but, though well struck, it was straight at De Gea.

Morgan Schneiderlin became the first player in the book for bringing down Januzaj.

Saints had a chance in first half stoppage time as Wanyama won a free kick on the right edge of the penalty area after being bundled over by a clumsy Van Persie challenge, but Luke Shaw fired it straight into the wall and Saints went into the break trailing 1-0.

There was a bright start to the second period from Pochettino's men as they pinned United back.

Lovren looped a header from Lallana's corner goalwards, which appeared to be dropping just wide, but Van Persie headed clear from his position on the post to be sure.

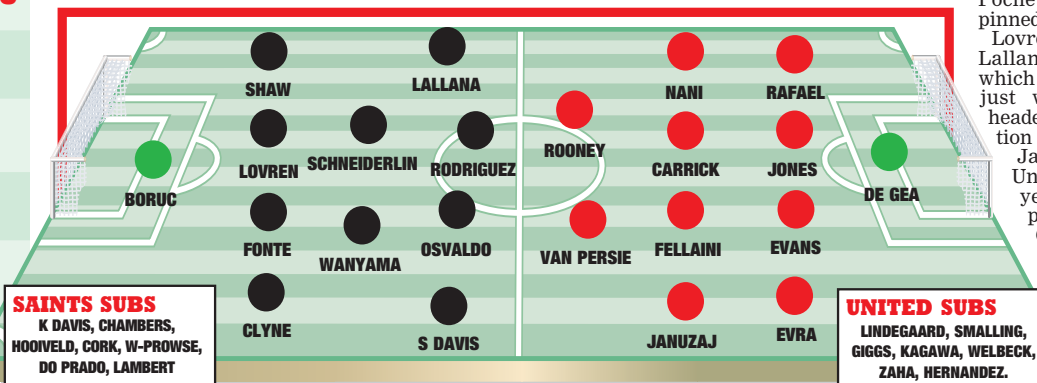
Januzaj was the first United player to receive a yellow card after chopping down Nathaniel Clyne.

Saints brought on Lambert 11 minutes into the second half in place of Jay Rodriguez. He went straight down the middle with Osvaldo playing in behind him.

Wanyama was the next player booked, this time for a foul on Januzaj.

Saints had to stand firm and rely on a little bit of luck too to keep United's lead down to one on 62 minutes.

Van Persie met Rooney's corner with a flicked header that



Rickie Lambert was the shock omission from the Saints team to face Manchester United at Old Trafford.

The striker was dropped to the bench in one of two changes by Mauricio Pochettino from the team that

### TEAM NEWS

had made it three Premier League wins on the spin against Swansea. Jay Rodriguez was drafted into the side in an attacking midfield role with Dani

Osvaldo pushing forward as the lone striker. The other change saw the fit again Luke Shaw return to the left back role in place of Danny Fox. Artur Boruc started after doubts over his fitness.

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back to draw at Old Trafford

# DESERVED SAINTS ...



**ABOVE:** Dejan Lovren blocks Robin van Persie.

**LEFT:** Adam Lallana on the ball.

struck the bar before the ball was looped back in for Nani to head goalwards, but this time Boruc made the diving save at his near post.

Moments later Boruc was in action again to block a fierce 25 yard drive from Januzaj.

Saints made a second change on 67 minutes, with James Ward-Prowse replacing Steven Davis.

United followed that moments later with Ryan Giggs coming on for Nani.

Lallana showed quick feet to

skip inside Marouane Fellaini and quickly fire in a shot from just outside the area, but De Gea got down to his left to make a relatively comfortable save.

Schneiderlin threatened to score a brilliant goal as he picked the ball up on the halfway line and beat four United players with a mazy run, but his shot from 20 yards was dragged well wide.

United made a second switch on 76 minutes with Danny Welbeck replacing Fellaini.

Schneiderlin stopped Welbeck making an immediate impact with a wonderful last ditch sliding challenge when the United striker was all but clean through.

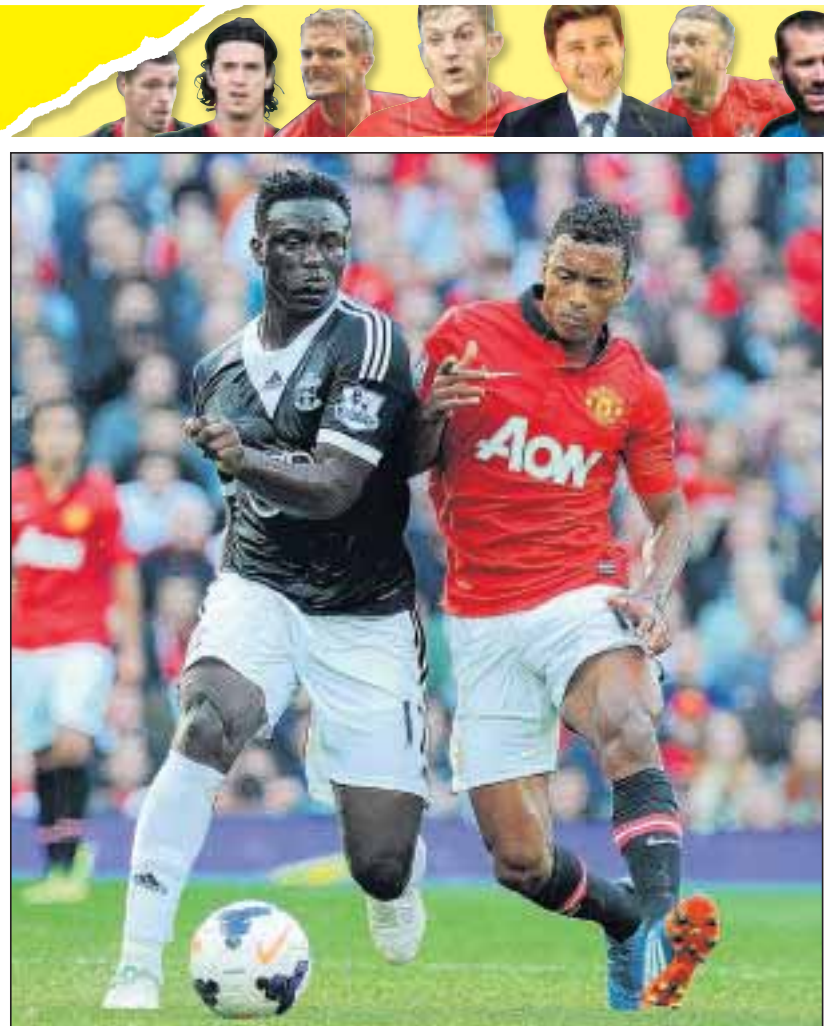
Saints made their final change with seven minutes remaining, with Guly do Prado coming on for Wanyama as they tried to muster up an equalising goal.

The chance to do just that came to Clyne as he was fed in by Lallana, but his shot was saved at the near post by De Gea.

There was a late booking for Fonte and a final United substitution as Chris Smalling replaced Rooney.

But what came next was to send the noisy 6,000 travelling Saints fans into raptures.

With just two minutes remaining Ward-Prowse whipped in an inswinging left wing corner that was turned goalwards inside the six yard box by a combination of Phil



**BATTLE:** Victor Wanyama shrugs off Manchester United's Luis Nani.



Jones and Lovren.

It flicked off of Lallana, stationed just a couple of yards out and directly in front of De Gea, and went in to make it 1-1.

Lallana had half a chance of winning it at the end of five minutes stoppage time but his curling shot was saved by De Gea and it ended with a brilliant point for Saints.

**GROUP HUG:** Saints players before the game at Old Trafford.



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# Saints Spotlight

## Bravery pleasing for Poch

**MAURICIO** Pochettino hailed his team's bravery as they collected a memorable 1-1 draw against Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Adam Lallana scored a late equaliser to hold David Moyes' side and further underline that Saints' place in the higher echelons of the Premier League table is no fluke. Robin Van Persie had given United a first half lead but Saints plugged away and got just reward for their efforts and those of their fans, whose support was inspirational with their late leveller.

Pochettino, pictured below, said: "I think my



team today was very brave.

"They put in an amazing effort, a great effort. We are playing against Manchester United at their home ground and that is never easy so I really want to congratulate my players for an amazing afternoon."

He added: "I think getting a very good win at Anfield and a very positive draw here is amazing for this team."

"I think it definitely certifies the quality of this project and how we want to move forward."

"For the younger players it gives them so much belief that they can go on and do amazing things."



**RIGHT:** Pablo Osvaldo gets to grips Manchester United's Marouane Fellaini.

**LEFT:** Dejan Lovren celebrates after Saints' equaliser at Old Trafford.



# SAINTS

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**THE wait for a win at Old Trafford might now extend to 26 years for Saints, but this was still a rare day out at Manchester United to treasure.**

Colin Clarke, who scored twice in a 2-0 win in 1988, remains the last player to have the distinction of scoring a winner for the club in the league at this famous stadium.

There was some confusion here as to whether Dejan Lovren, Adam Lallana, or even United defender Phil Jones, had got the crucial touch for Saints.

Lovren was certainly intent on claiming it, and it would have taken a cruel man to take it off him given the size of the smile on his face in the tunnel.

Eighty per cent his goal, twenty per cent Lallana's was how the defender would describe it. Whatever the case, there was more than one hero in the visiting team.

Saints showed tremendous belief, mixed with a healthy dose of quality, and a little bit of fortune.

It was in January when Saints last visited Old Trafford.

On that night, they suffered a 2-1 defeat.

But, while they left without points, they did take with them high praise.

Sir Alex Ferguson, then the United manager, said that, on the evidence of their second-half display, Saints had been the best side to visit Old Trafford all season.

Today, they again produced a wonderful performance after the interval, but this time they got their reward.

Their scrambled late equaliser was deserved for both the players, who were never daunted, and the travelling fans, who sung relentlessly throughout.

Saints rode their luck at times.

Wayne Rooney and Robin van Persie both hit the bar at 1-0, while Artur Brouc made a stunning save from Adnan Januzaj's 25-yard piledriver.

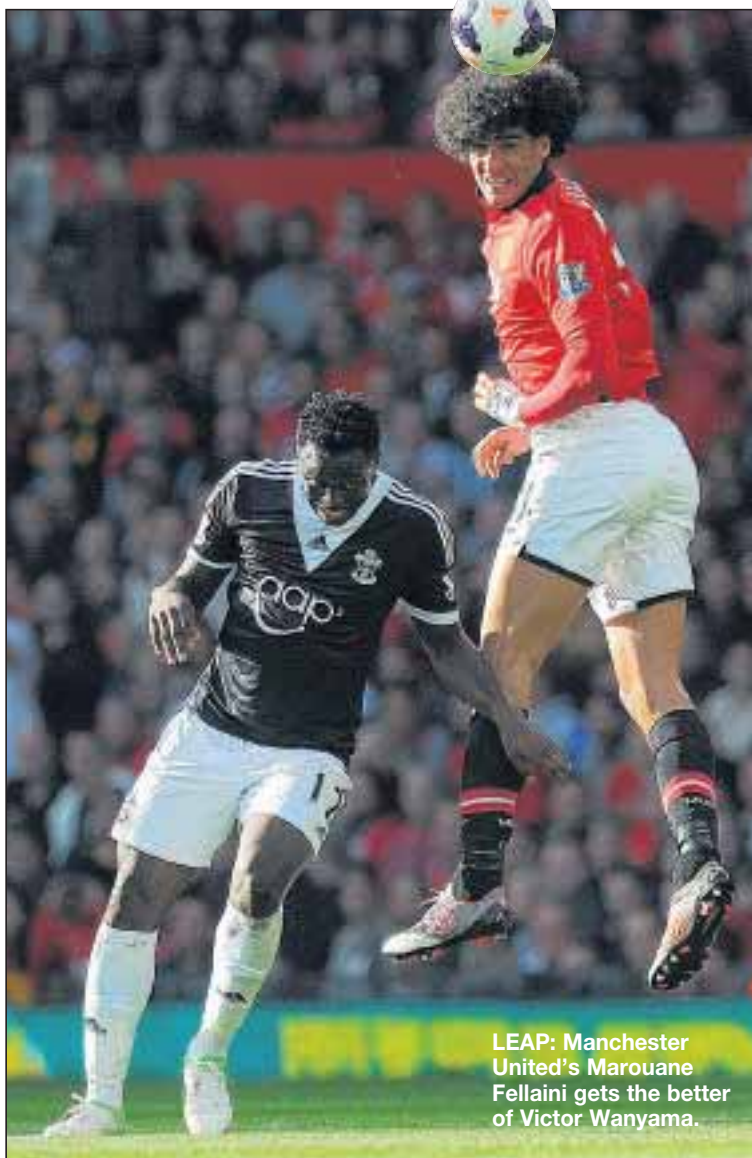
But they suffered some misfortune too, with Rooney offside - albeit marginally - in the build-up to United's goal.

No one could have denied that United deserved something, though.

But this was a result and a performance that further marks Saints out as an emerging force in the Premier League, and yet another reminder of just how far they have come.

They have not secured a place in the upper echelons of the division through blind luck or chance, but through considered and careful building.

Maintaining that sort of position all season will be mighty hard, but Saints have provided further evidence that they are a team not to be trifled with.



**LEAP:** Manchester United's Marouane Fellaini gets the better of Victor Wanyama.

**MORE REACTION TO TODAY'S GAME IN MONDAY'S ECHO**



# Saints Spotlight



**CLOSE WATCH:**  
Dejan Lovren tracks  
Robin van Persie.

## Late Pugh strike earns a point for Howe's Cherries

MARC Pugh's dramatic late equaliser earned Cherries a share of the spoils from a City Ground thriller against Nottingham Forest today.

Winger Pugh swept home the leveller from a tight angle in stoppage time to cancel out Henri Lansbury's first-half wonder goal for the hosts.

It earned Cherries a deserved share of the spoils and, although they rode their luck at times, Howe's men were worthy of a precious point on the road.

The match, however, was marred for the visitors by injury to loan goalkeeper Stephen Henderson, who was carried off after just 11 minutes.

Boss Eddie Howe made one change to the Cherries starting line-up, with ex-Saint Andrew Surman drafted in to replace Ryan Fraser, who was ruled out by a hamstring injury.

Cherries forced the first chance of the contest when Lewis Grabban's low cross was sliced into Karl Darlow's hands by his own defender Jack Hobbs.

Tokelo Rantie was presented with a gilt-edged opportunity to open the scoring after seizing on Andy Reid's poor backpass in the seventh minute.

But despite only having Darlow in front of him, the striker was unable to convert, with the Forest goalkeeper haring off his line to smother at Rantie's feet.

Cherries were rocked when goalkeeper Henderson was stretchered off following an accidental clash with Forest striker Simon Cox after just eight minutes.

The West Ham loan star immediately signalled for help after Cox had caught him as he attempted to follow up Henderson's save from Djamal Abdoun's shot.

Medical staff from both dugouts rushed to his aid before Henderson, who appeared to have damaged his shoulder, was carried off, wearing an oxygen mask.

Play resumed following a five-minute delay and Lansbury was caught cold, the midfielder dragging his shot horribly wide with the

goal at his mercy.

Rantie's left-foot piledriver from 20 yards was beaten away by Darlow before Cox widened when it had looked easier to hit the target.

Lansbury's atoned with interest for his earlier miss when he put the hosts ahead with a stunning strike six minutes before the interval.

The former Arsenal man, who was in acres of space, picked his spot from 30 yards, his thunderous effort fizzing past Ryan Allsop and into the back of the net.

Cherries went close to levelling on the stroke of half-time when Grabban's effort came back off the base of the post after Steve Cook's

long throw had caused mayhem inside the Forest six-yard box.

Charlie Daniels replaced Ian Harte for the start of the second half before Jack Collison was booked for a foul on Forest playmaker Andy Reid.

Abdoun's surging run into the 18-yard box ends with his effort being deflected for a corner before Cook nods Darius Henderson's header out for a flag kick.

Cox's snapshot was saved by Allsop before Henderson missed an open goal, the striker firing wide having round the Cherries goalkeeper after 61 minutes.

Henderson's header, which found the back of the net from Reid's corner, was chalked off for a foul before Pugh failed to make good contact at the far post after Cook's throw had fallen to him.

Pugh also had the ball in the net, only for his 77th-minute effort to be ruled out for offside, before Harry Arter's strike narrowly cleared the crossbar as the contest drew to a close.

Cherries grabbed the goal their second-half endeavours had deserved when Pugh swept home from a tight angle after being fed by Rantie in the first minute of stoppage time.

Abdoun, Forest's star man by a country mile, almost snatched a dramatic winner when his right-foot shot just cleared the angle of post and crossbar.



**LATE GOAL:** Marc Pugh bagged Cherries' leveller.



**CHANCE:** Dani Osvaldo tries his luck.



A SUMMER without football is avoided thanks to England's qualification for Brazil in 2014.

There's only so much beach football football you can watch without being classified as being obsessed.

Thank you, Roy, you've saved me from a summer of *Emmerdale* and *Coronation Street*; I'm duly grateful.

But while the nation rejoices at us narrowly squeezing into a World Cup final let's not get ahead of ourselves; the tan won't get to be more than a fortnight old, unless you fancy staying longer to take in a Spain/Germany/Italy/Brazil game.

Yet another year of hurt beckons as England will look useful in the group stages only to go out to some moment of controversy in the knockout stages. A disallowed goal/a missed penalty maybe, while the man who's never missed one sits on the bench as Ashley Cole or James Milner spoon the spot kick over the bar as England crash out.

Rickie Lambert's sudden departure to the bench highlights just why so many of us lose faith in the national set up.

It's not Roy Hodgson's fault, the pressure he's on to pick certain players is immense, as is the pressure placed on him by the national media.

How many times have we seen 'ones for the future' given chance after chance while the form players never get picked?

Lambert is the prime example. He's every football journalist's nightmare: an in form player who's over 30 – what on earth can he bring to the side?

The obvious answer would be goals and other teammates into play.

I'll ask you, dear reader, what do you care about?

Do you care if the man who scores the goal that wins the World Cup is over 30?

Do you care if he plays for unfashionable Southampton?

Do you hell, you just want the right man in the right place at the right time.

For years now the media in this country have been obsessed with the shelf life of footballers, why play someone who might only wear an England shirt for two or three years?

If that was the case why would any club team bother with any players over 25?

Sir Alex Ferguson, probably the greatest manager the world will ever see, had a knack for getting experienced heads in his sides to steady the ship and lead by example. Teddy Sheringham wouldn't have got a look in if the tabloid press had had their way.

You only have to look at Lambert's brief flirtation with first team football to see where I'm coming from.

What did Rickie do wrong?

He scored the winning goal in a meaningless England v Scotland international, scored another and created one for the 4-1 win against Moldova before enduring a frustrating time against the Ukraine in what could only be described as a no-win situation where no one excelled.

Up until then everyone was raving about Lambert, one goalless game and he's written off as a flash in the pan.

Was I alone in not being that impressed with Daniel Sturridge?

I can see the value of Danny Wellbeck, even though he does resemble Bambi on ice, he does have an end product. He's effective, albeit in a totally bizarre way and I'd rather have him the squad than not.

No doubt Rickie will find himself behind Sturridge and even Andy Carroll in the pecking order when it comes to Brazil as players are picked



## Lambo maturing like vintage Sheri

Facts say team man Rickie is a must for Brazil



on what they could do rather than what they actually do do.

Could I justify picking Rickie Lambert over Daniel Sturridge for England? Probably not, mainly on the grounds that Sturridge is, on paper, the better player. Who could argue against a 24-year-old striker playing for Liverpool over a 31-year-old footballer playing for Southampton?

I'd argue that the best player on paper isn't necessarily the best player for the team. Sturridge's rather selfish attitude on Tuesday made me wonder if that wasn't the case.

I'm biased of course. Rickie Lambert is my favourite player of the last five years. I get him, I see all the things he brings to the game and appreciate how someone, in the latter years of his career, can make changes to his game and make that leap to a different level. I can see all of this and yes, I can speak with authority on what he brings to Saints as opposed to what Sturridge does to Liverpool.

I'm basing my gripe on facts. The fact that in a couple of games Rickie

Lambert just looked like what we needed, someone who desperately wanted to play for his country and just gave more than Sturridge. If you play three games, score twice and create another one, you'd be fully entitled to ask where you went wrong as to not get picked again.

But that's England for you, if your face fits you're in; it's based on who you play for not how you play. If it was down to anything else, ask yourself why Andy Carroll was never considered England class until he left Newcastle for Liverpool.

He wasn't then picked again after he left them for West Ham until an injury crisis made him good enough again. Does any of that make sense?

You ask any fan of a bigger club and they'll laugh at you for championing Rickie Lambert. For them how on earth can someone who plays for lowly Southampton be worthy of playing for his country? Is he world class? By the modern definition of it? Probably not but for what he brings to the England set up, he's more than worth a go.

Why should he go to Brazil? Because he's bloody good, that's why... Viva La Lambert, here's hoping he's packing his bags for Brazil next year...

# Paine

The Saints legend's **EXCLUS**

## TAKING ON THE WORLD

THIS Wednesday will mark the 50th anniversary of one of the most memorable moments of my career.

It was October 23, 1963, when I lined up for England, at Wembley, in a match against the Rest of the World, to celebrate the Football Association's centenary.

I had only just broken into the national team, and this was to be my fourth full international.

It was a special occasion, with the game being dubbed the 'Match of the Century'.

The FA had invited FIFA to field a select XI, and they produced a team of immense quality. It really was the crème de la crème of world football.

Only one was missing, the only disappointment of the whole event. Pelé was injured and did not feature.

But they had the likes of Di Stefano, Puskas, Gent, Eusebio, Law, and Yashin in their squad. It was pretty frightening when we saw their team sheet, particularly for me, as I was a Second Division player at the time!

It would be like facing a team now that included Messi, Ronaldo, Schweinsteiger, Pirlo, Iniesta and Bale.

And just imagine what people would say if you told them that England would beat that side?

Yet that is exactly what we did back then.

For me, it was extra special, as I scored the opening goal.

Bobby Smith, the old Spurs centre forward, put a ball into the box, which bounced off Jimmy Greaves' toe and rolled into my path. I then put a left-foot shot into the corner past Soskic, the Yugoslavia keeper,



**ENGLAND DAYS:** Slip of a lad – with three lions on my shirt!

who had come on at half-time for the great Lev Yashin.

Denis Law, who I always rated as world class, scored the equaliser, before Greaves got our winner.

I remember, after the match, Alf Ramsey coming round the dressing room to thank all the players, as he always did.

When he got to me, he looked and said 'Scoring goals as well now, eh?' which was a nice moment for me.

At one stage I had been thinking 'What am I doing here? I'm a Second Division player, playing against some of the best players in the world from any era, and I've opened the scoring.'

It was a massive moment in my career, and one that I remember very well.



**TOP BOSS:** Alf Ramsey made a point of thanking players.

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# e's World

**RSIVE** column on all things football



## We're on our way!



### REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL:

England's win over Poland was helped by the form of an established star in Wayne Rooney, above, and a rising one in andros Townsend, right.



**ON A night that could have ended in such a catastrophically different way, England shook off the nerves and booked their ticket to the celebration of football that will be happening in Brazil next summer.**

It was hardly a vintage performance but, then again, this is not really what one would consider a vintage England team.

Cobbled together from the remnants of "the golden generation", injected with youth and managed by a man who wasn't the first choice of many, not much is expected of them in Brazil.

The chairman of our own Football Association, Greg Dyke, has said we can't win the World Cup, well not next year at least.

Are we really going there just to make up the numbers, though?

Is the gloom surrounding this side and the state of English football, like so much involving the national team, just a bit excessive?

Sure, it was only a win over Poland, at home no less.

We're in the World Cup, though, without having to travel via the play-offs. The same can't be said for France, Portugal and Uruguay.

The FA have confirmed their block-booking for Rio, and Roy Hodgson can start thinking about the composition of his 23-man squad.

Speculating now seems a bit pointless, however, with so much football to be played before the manager signs off that list.

Players will be lost to metatarsal injuries, and young stars will put up their hands in a bid to book a ticket on the plane. There have already been calls to clear out the old guard, to give youth a chance, but it would be wise to err on the side of caution. A good balance is required.

Youthful exuberance is all well and good, but experience is required in the latter stages of a big tournament.

Players like Steven Gerrard and Ashley Cole have been through it all before, and the younger squad members can learn from them. Who those younger members may be remains to be seen.

Among all the prophets of doom, England have still managed to bring through a crop of talented youngsters.

The Under-21 European Championship may have been a complete failure, but there is undoubted individual talent among the next generation.

Andros Townsend may have caught the eye with two fearless performances, but there are others waiting in the wings.

Ravel Morrison is finally starting to look the player that Sir Alex Ferguson hoped he might be, although he still

remains a bit rough around the edges. It only goes to show that talent will shine through in the end.

Townsend's much-publicised loan spells are a case in point, and after years of letting him ply his trade with anyone that would have him, Tottenham have a player of undoubted quality. He should remain there for years to come.

Throw in Ross Barkley, Jack Wilshere and a fit again Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and the complexion changes even further.

On Tuesday night, England's squad contained more players under the age of 24 than any of their leading European rivals.

Some may argue the case of quality over quantity, but the quality is there, it just needs to be nurtured.

Despite this rather optimistic viewpoint, there is still one very worrying factor for Hodgson; his dependence on Wayne Rooney.

The Manchester United frontman has become a talisman for his country and remains our leading hope if we are to go deep into the tournament in Brazil.

He has scored in every qualifier that he's played, and his work rate from the front is integral to the way England hope to press the ball, dropping deep when we aren't in possession.

There are no others as capable or disciplined enough to fulfil this role.

One misplaced tackle and any hope England may have had will be left hanging by a thread.

It is a role that you couldn't see being filled by Daniel Sturridge or Danny Welbeck. Let's hope for our sake that Rooney stays fit. One thing going for this England team is the lack of optimism surrounding them.

Free from the shackles of expectation that has burdened so many of the teams before them, they will head to Brazil as underdogs.

It's an almost surreal situation and one that could just work in their favour.

England looked a decent side at Euro 2012, without the fanfare and media spotlight, and were a few spot-kicks away from a semi-final berth.

In 2006, the media spotlight shone brightly in Baden-Baden. South Africa brought with it different failures, most of which fell on the head of coach Fabio Capello and his ratings system.

Perhaps at Brazil 2014, halfway across the globe, England can get down to playing football worthy of a major tournament. So, while Hodgson and Co deserve credit for the job they've done so far, there still remains plenty on hand.

He will need to curb expectation and build a team that will not only learn from past failures, but also relish the opportunity to extinguish them.

Dreams of another World Cup victory may still be a way off, but perhaps they aren't as far as some would have you believe.



**PROUD:** Roy Hodgson.



# Saints Spotlight

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Thu 26	Cardiff .....(A)
Sat 28	Everton .....(A)

<b>JANUARY</b>	
Wed 1	<b>Chelsea</b> .....(H)
Sat 11	<b>West Brom</b> .....(H)
Sat 18	Sunderland .....(A)
Tue 28	<b>Arsenal</b> .....(H)

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Sat 1	Fulham .....(A)
Sat 8	<b>Stoke</b> .....(H)
Tue 11	Hull .....(A)
Sat 22	West Ham .....(A)

<b>MARCH</b>	
Sat 1	<b>Liverpool</b> .....(H)
Sat 8	Crystal Palace .....(A)
Sat 15	<b>Norwich</b> .....(H)
Sat 22	Tottenham .....(A)
Sat 29	<b>Newcastle</b> .....(H)

<b>APRIL</b>	
Sat 5	Manchester City .....(A)
Sat 12	<b>Cardiff</b> .....(H)
Sat 19	Aston Villa .....(A)
Sat 26	<b>Everton</b> .....(H)

<b>MAY</b>	
Sat 3	Swansea .....(A)
Sun 11	<b>Man United</b> .....(H)

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D 1-1	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte 1	Lovren	Shaw*	Wanyama	Schneiderlin**	W-Prowse	Lallana***	Rodriguez	Lambert	Clyne*	Osvaldo**	Ramirez***
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## HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP DRAWS

### HAMPSHIRE FA SATURDAY

#### INTERMEDIATE CUP

**Round two (November 2):** Portcarran v Lyndhurst, New Milton Town Reserves v Petersfield Town Reserves, Sholing FC Reserves v Winner of Tie 32, United Services Portsmouth Reserves v Clanfield, Michelmersh & Timsbury Reserves v Sway, Riverside v Sway Reserves, Spartans v Hedge End Rangers, Nursling v Tadley Calleva Reserves, Barton Linnets TD v Brading Town, Ringwood Town Reserves v Newport (IoW) Reserves, Old Famboroniens v Osborne Coburg, University of Portsmouth Community v Locksheath, Golden Common v Cowes Sports Reserves, AFC Portchester Reserves v Winchester Castle, Hedge End Town v Solent Saint, Binstead & Cob v Headley United, ECS v Mpoly, Baffins Milton Rovers v Romsey Town Reserves, Horndean Hawks v Paulsgrove, Farnborough North End v Alton Town Reserves, Shanklin v Old Oakmeadians, Hamble Club Reserves v Bournemouth Manor, Westover Bournemouth v West Meon & Warnford, Hedge End Rangers Reserves v West Wight, Bournemouth Sports v Andover Lions, Cadnam United v Horndean Reserves, St Helena Bobs v Overton United, QK Southampton v Liphook United, Richmond Park Con Club v Otterbourne, Fleetlands v Team Solent Reserves, Hayling United Reserves v AFC Totton Reserves, Hamble Club v Niton.

#### MIDWEEK FLOODLIT CUP

**Round two:** Aldershot Town U19 v Southampton FC (Sparsholt) U19, Eastleigh Youth (U19) v Fareham Town U18, Blackfield & Langley U18 v Hartley Wintney U18, Havant & Waterlooville U19 v Hayling United U18, Farnborough U18 v Salisbury City FC or Christchurch Youth, Moneyfields U18 or Tadley Calleva U18 v Andover Town U18, AFC Totton U18 v Cove Youth (U18) or Basingstoke Town U19, Fleet Spurs U18 v Alton Town U18 or Fleet Town U18.

### SUNDAY U12 CUP

**Round three (November 10):** Denmead v Berg Youth (U12), Winchester Black v Brockenhurst, Warsash Wasps v Eastleigh White, Bitterne Black v Colden Common Rangers, Bournemouth Electric v Gosport Falcons Black, West Wight v Purbrook Athletic, Hedge End Rangers Red v Bournemouth Poppies, Moneyfields v Widbrook Hurricanes, Brading Town v Royals Elite, Meon Milton Claridges v Fleet Spurs Spartans, Salisbury City v Fleur De Lys, Hamble United Red v Cowplain Colts, Basingstoke Town Knights v Hedge End Rangers Blue, Pace Pumas v Branksome United, Pickwick Lions v Loddon Sports, Sholing v Sportstars.

### SUNDAY U13 CUP

**Round three (November 10):** Warsash Wasps v Fareham Town, Berg v Beacon Hill Chargers, Crookham v Grange Athletic, Hedge End Rangers Blue v Burton, Winchester Black v Eastleigh Juniors, Pickwick Lions v Bournemouth Sports, Hook United v Oakwood Panthers, Pace v Hurstwood Rangers Inter, Romsey Youth Panthers v Botley, Curley Park Raiders v Poole Town, West Wight v Stockbridge, QK Southampton v Sholing White, Colden Common Rovers v Hayling United, Sholing Red v Winklebury Wizards, Baddeley Park v Cowplain, Poole Town v Camberley Town.

### SUNDAY U14 CUP

**Round three (November 10):** Eastleigh Juniors v Crofton Saints Pumas, Meon Milton Diarra v Cove United, Grange Athletic v Sportstars, Christchurch v Branksome United, Baddeley Park Crusaders v Stoke Park Rangers, Milford on Sea v Corfe Mullen United Juniors, Oaklands Rangers v Purbrook Athletic, Eversley & California v Oakfield, Compton v Liphook United Knights, Winner of Tie 56 v TC, Southampton Pace Cougars v Chineham Tigers, Warsash Wasps v QK Southampton, CK Andover v Wellow,

Hamble United v Ranvilles Rangers, Winchester Black v Winner of Tie 47, Petersfield v Havant & Waterlooville.

### SUNDAY U15 CUP

**Round three (November 10):** Hayling United v Hythe & Dibden Jets, Camberley Town Yv Hart Royals, Greenfields v Horndean, Grange Athletic v Pace Pumas, Loddon Sports v Winner of Tie 40, Basingstoke Town Colts v Moneyfields, Castle United v Hedge End Rangers Blue, Havant & Waterlooville v Ringwood Town, Gosport Bullets v Winchester Black, Bransgore v Sarisbury Sparks Amber, Meon Milton Bileys v Hedge End Rangers White, Romsey Town Cougars v Chineham Tigers, AFC Hittingbury Hawks v Gosport Falcons Black, BTC (Southampton) v Crookham Rovers Raiders, Crofton Saints Lions v Winner of Tie 48, Wimborne Town v Poole Town FC Wessex.

### SUNDAY U16 CUP

**Round three (November 10):** Havant & Waterlooville v Bournemouth Electric, Eversley & California Rockets v Moorown Athletic, Brading Town Colts v Highcliffe Hawks, Baddeley Park v Moneyfields Colts, Pace v Redhill Rangers, Gosport v Raiders, Liphook United Lions v Warsash Wasps, Moneyfields Lions v Portsmouth United, Greenfields Youth v Bitterne Reds, Winner of Tie 17 v AFC Totton, Winner of Tie 38 v Eastleigh White, Colden Common Sports v Oakfield Royals, Hythe & Dibden Rangers v Boscombe Albion Yth, Bournemouth Sports v Winner of Tie 45, New Milton Town Robins v Wellow, AFC Stoneham Alpha v Bitterne Black.

### SUNDAY U18 CUP

**Round three (November 10):** Whitchurch United v Sholing, St Francis Knights v Bournemouth Poppies, Bournemouth Sports v Sway, United Services Portsmouth Dean v Winsor, Christchurch v Totton & Eling, AFC Stoneham v Colden Common Sports Red,

Littleton Juniors v Warsash Wasps, Winner of Tie 24 v Wyvern, Eastleigh Blue v Camberley Town, Winner of Tie 23 v US Portsmouth Brady, Moneyfields v Winner of Tie 30, Romsey Town Yellow v Locksheath Youth, Petersfield Town v Rushmoor Community, Winner of Tie 14 v Horndean Hawks Vultures, AFC Totton v Sherborne St Johns, Woolton Hill Argyle v Sholing.

### SATURDAY U12 CUP

**Round three (November 9):** Waltham Wolves Jets v Gosport Arrows, Curley Park Rangers Lions v Rushmoor Saints Tigers, Fordingbridge Town v Salisbury City, Basingstoke Town Colts Elite v Crofton Saints Lions, Whiteley Wanderers Lions v Fleet Spurs Spartans, Gosport Bullets v Fareham Town, Waltham Wolves Giants v Locksheath Lions.

### SATURDAY U13 CUP

**Quarter-finals (November 9):** Hurstwood Rangers v AFC Portchester Castles, Fleet Spurs Flames v Fareham Town, Shooters v Newport (IoW), East Lodge Mustangs v Purbrook Athletic.

### SATURDAY U14 CUP

**Quarter-finals (November 9):** Lyndhurst Juniors v Crofton Saints Lions, AFC Portchester Castles v Winner of Tie 15, Gosport v Havant & Waterlooville Hawks, Cove Athletic v Wimborne Town.

### SATURDAY U15 CUP

**Quarter-finals (November 9):** Clanfield v Junior Shots Youth, Salisbury City v Hatch Warren AFC, Locksheath Lions v Basingstoke Town Colts Elite, Wimborne Town v Moneyfields.

### SATURDAY U16 CUP

**Quarter-finals (November 9):** Newport (IoW) v Stockbridge, Gosport v Whitchurch United, Salisbury City v Oakfield Warriors, Sarum Youth v Alver Valley.

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
KELVIN DAVIS	0	0	2	0	285(1)	0
PAULO GAZZANIGA	0	0	0	0	11	0
ARTUR BORUC	7	0	0	0	28	0
NATHANIEL CLYNE	4(1)	0	1	0	39(1)	1
CALUM CHAMBERS	3(1)	0	1	0	4(2)	0
DEJAN LOVREN	7	1	0	0	7	1
JOSE FONTE	7	1	1	0	149(3)	13
JOS HOOIVELD	0	0	1	1	67(3)	9
MAYA YOSHIDA	0	0	2	0	35(1)	0
LUKE SHAW	5(1)	0	0	0	29(6)	0
DANNY FOX	2	0	2	0	56(10)	1
JACK STEPHENS	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
JACK CORK	0(2)	0	2	0	98(10)	0
VICTOR WANYAMA	7	0	0	0	7	0
MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	7	0	0	0	0174(28)	8
ADAM LALLANA	7	1	0	0	0207(23)	51
STEVE DAVIS	2(2)	0	2	2	27(13)	4
JAMES WARD-PROWSE	3(4)	0	1	0	14(16)	1
JASON PUNCHEON	0	0	0	0	70(10)	10
LLOYD ISGROVE	0	0	1	0	1(1)	0
OMAR ROWE	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0
JAKE SINCLAIR	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
GASTON RAMIREZ	0(3)	0	2	2	22(9)	7
GULY DO PRADO	0(1)	0	1	0	78(29)	22

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
RICKIE LAMBERT	7	2	0	0	0193(10)	105
JAY RODRIGUEZ	4(2)	1	1(1)	1	31(14)	11
DANI OSVALDO	5(1)	1	0	0	5(1)	1
TADANARI LEE	0	0	1	0	8(5)	2
EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0	0	1	1	3(10)	1
BILLY SHARP	0	0	0	0	12(6)	10
ANDY ROBINSON	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0
HARRISON REED	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.



## Adam Rant

This week's big talking points  
with Adam Leitch

# UNDERDOGS TAG SUITS ENGLAND

**ENGLAND'S biggest weapon in their bid to win the World Cup might just be that nobody thinks they can.**

For years England have pitched up to major tournament after major tournament with the expectations of a nation weighing heavily upon them.

Almost every time without fail there is a genuine belief that this can be our year, finally we can follow up on 1966.

Every time those ambitions have fallen flat on their face.

After the 2-0 win over Poland secured England's place at next year's finals in Brazil, there was barely even a hint of hope.

Even the man draped in a St George's flag partying outside Wembley following the result, high as a kite on adrenalin and happiness as he was interviewed by TV, cut a quizzical look at his interviewer when asked whether England could go all the way.

For this one fleeting tournament, the nation doesn't expect.

That might be one of the biggest positives England can take.

The players will be cheered off next summer but without the pressure of a nation weighing so heavily on them.

They will be ensconced on the other side of the world, well away from these shores and everything that comes with it during a World Cup summer.

Suddenly they will be able to play with a greater degree of freedom.

Many sportsmen thrive when they are the underdog. That siege mentality, that nobody expects or thinks you capable of achieving something significant, can really motivate and rally. It's certainly much easier than winning as the favourite.

England haven't been any cop at winning as the favourite, so perhaps the underdog role might suit them.

The other bonus is that Roy Hodgson, pictured right, is in charge.



**X-FACTOR:** England's Andros Townsend, above left.

Adam Rant will admit he was a little sceptical at the time of Hodgson's appointment because he was unsure whether he would be the galvanising factor England needed, but he's got them qualified somehow or another and ultimately that's all that matters.

This is not a vintage England team by any stretch but Hodgson has shown faith in a core of experienced players.

In fact, many of them are vastly experienced veterans of both international and Champions League campaigns down the years.

For once, finally, England are perhaps picking a little more on the here and now and not always

with an eye to the future.

You only get major tournaments once every two years so why always this obsession with the future?

Pick the best players at the



time, use the odd friendly and the under-21s to take a look at others.

By taking that core of experienced players, for several of whom it will be their last international hurrah, England stand in as good a position as they can. Sprinkle around it the odd exciting youngster such as an Andros Townsend or Alex Chamberlain and it's an encouraging formula.

Adam Rant would certainly not be as bold as to predict this England team winning the World Cup, but maybe the fact so many other people think along those lines might make next summer a pleasant surprise rather than a crushing disappointment like normal.

## Ashes battle England should skip

IT'S always good to get a bit of pre-Ashes sledging going but England must ensure they do not get distracted by it.

Jonathan Trott, pictured below, was this week interviewed, hitting back at Australia coach Darren Lehmann's assertion that England play dour cricket.

Firstly to address Lehmann's point, England do play dour cricket.

Here speaks an England cricket fan too, and one who has enjoyed watching them win, but the current team are not the most exciting to watch.

You would best describe them as ruthlessly efficient but with a couple of individuals that can produce the odd piece of magic.



In the end that debate all comes down to one of sport's perennial questions – if you can't have both do you want your team to be winners or entertainers?

Trott obviously took slight exception to the comment but England should just let it ride.

They will certainly be hearing plenty more of this sort of chiming ahead of the start of the Ashes series in Australia next month.

The Aussies are looking to get a rise out of England, to find a way of getting under their skin after being well beaten over here.

The line-ups aren't likely to have changed much, in fact Australia might not even have their captain and talisman Michael Clarke fit for the start of the series.

The wickets and conditions can easily suit England too so they may have figured that a bit of winding up and getting in the English heads might be a good tactic, a potential weapon if you will.

By letting it slide England will have one up on the Aussies before the series even starts. If they get drawn into a slanging match it only risks denting that efficient machine.



**WORLD CUP FIGHT:** Rickie Lambert.

## Lambert has work to do

RICKIE Lambert can take nothing for granted between now and May if he wants to be part of the England squad for the World Cup.

Whether fair or otherwise, Adam Rant has always had this nagging doubt that Lambert only got in because Hodgson felt he had to pick him, then stayed in because his two international goals meant the same.

Sure enough he has quickly been reduced to the role of unused sub.

If he stays as a squad member then fair enough. The big man up front is a change up option that England need to have for their campaign in Brazil.

But from unused sub it is only a small, short step to slip out altogether, almost under the radar.

Hopefully Lambert isn't being eased out and Adam Rant has read the situation wrong.

But he can't help but feel that with

Andy Carroll in line to return for West Ham next month that Lambert will again need to make an irresistible case for selection.

Carroll or Lambert is surely going to be the choice that Hodgson will make when he comes to announce his 23-man squad.

Every Saints fan will be rooting for Lambert but he will certainly have to earn his place during this season.



## FIXTURES

Monday, October 21

### BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Crystal Palace v Fulham (8.00)

### CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Redditch v Bideford, St Albans v Hemel Hempstead.

### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Shield League Phase: (A) Team Solent v Colden Common.

Tuesday, October 22

### UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Group E: Schalke 04 v Chelsea Steaua

Bucuresti v Basle

Group F: Arsenal v Borussia Dortmund, Marseille v Napoli

Group G: FC Porto v Zenit St Petersburg, FK Austria Vienna v Atletico Madrid

Group H: AC Milan v Barcelona, Celtic v Ajax

### SKY BET LEAGUE

League 1: Bristol City v Brentford, Coventry v Leyton Orient (at Sixfields Stadium), Crawley

Town v Port Vale, Crewe v Stevenage,

Gillingham v Notts County, Milton Keynes

Dons v Carlisle, Peterborough v Sheff Utd

(7.30), Preston v Bradford, Rotherham v

Tranmere, Shrewsbury v Colchester, Swindon

v Walsall, Wolverhampton v Oldham

League 2: Accrington Stanley v Bristol Rovers,

Burton Albion v Torquay, Bury v Mansfield,

Cheltenham v Morecambe, Chesterfield v

York, Fleetwood Town v Scunthorpe,

Hartlepool v AFC Wimbledon, Oxford Utd v

Exeter, Plymouth v Newport County,

Portsmouth v Wycombe, Rochdale v

Northampton, Southend v Dag & Red

### SKRILL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

South: Bishops Cleeve v Ebbsfleet,

Eastbourne Borough v Dover, Farnborough

v Chelmsford, Staines v Weston-super-

Mare.

### CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Arlesey v Burnham,

Poole Town v AFC Totton, St Neots v

Chesham.

Division One South & West: Didcot v

Evesham.

Red Insure Cup, first round: Bashley v

Weymouth.

### RUSSELL COTES CUP

First round: AFC Stoneham v Fareham

Town, Bemerton HH v Locks Heath,

Lymington Town v Sholing, Newport IoW v

Hedge End Rangers, Petersfield v Gosport

Borough, Pewsey Vale v Horndean, Romsey

Town v Folland Sports, Totton & Eling v

Moneyfields.

### NORTH HANTS SENIOR CUP

First round: Whitchurch v Andover Town.

### SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Downton v Hamworthy

Utd.

### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Premier Division: Eastleigh v New Milton,

Winchester City v AFC Portchester.

Wednesday, October 23

### UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Group A: Bayer Leverkusen v Shakhtar

Donetsk, Man Utd v Real Sociedad

Group B: Galatasaray v FC Copenhagen, Real

Madrid v Juventus

Group C: Anderlecht v PSG Benfica v

Olympiacos

Group D: Bayern Munich v Plzen CSA

Moscow v Man City (5.00)

### CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Cambridge City v

Hitchin, Corby v Biggleswade.

### RUSSELL COTES CUP

First round: Christchurch v Hythe &

Dibden.

### NORTH HANTS SENIOR CUP

Tadley Calleva v Overton.

### SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Verwood v Brockenhurst.

Thursday, October 24

### UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE (selected fixtures)

Group A: Swansea v Kuban Krasnodar (8.05)

Valencia v St Gallen (8.05)

Group D: Wigan v Rubin Kazan (8.05), Zulte-

Waregem v Maribor

Group K: Anzhi Makhachkala v Tromso, FC

Sheriff v Spurs (6.00)

### UEFA EUROPEAN UNDER-17

CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying Group: England U17 v Armenia

U17 (12.00), Rep of Ireland U17 v Gibraltar

U17 (2.00)

### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Premier Division: Moneyfields v Bemerton

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Friday, October 25

### SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

Middlesbrough v Doncaster

### SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Sholing v Fareham Town.

Saturday, October 26

### BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Aston Villa v Everton, Crystal Palace v Arsenal

(12.45), Liverpool v West Brom Man Utd v

Stoke, Norwich v Cardiff, Southampton v

Fulham (5.30).

### SKY BET LEAGUE

Championship: Barnsley v Sheff Wed (12.15),

Blackpool v Blackburn, Bolton v Ipswich,

Burnley v QPR, Derby v Birmingham

Huddersfield v Leeds (12.30), Leicester v

Bournemouth, Reading v Millwall, Yeovil v

Nottm Forest

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# Saints Spotlight

# FALL AND RISE THAT

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**THE last time Saints enjoyed the giddy heights of fourth place in the Premier League, it signalled the start of a massive decline.**

After crushing Pompey 3-0 at St Mary's to rise into a Champions League place on December 21, 2003, life appeared good.

Buoyed by an FA Cup final appearance and eighth placed finish in 2002/03 – what was, and remains, the club's best ever Premier League season – Gordon Strachan was continuing to prove his critics wrong.

Little did anyone know as they poured out of St Mary's, four days before Christmas, that it would be downhill from there on.

Downhill for five years, in fact.

Within two months of that great derby win – highlighted by the iconic image, right, of Marian Pahars lifting his shirt after scoring a cracking goal – Strachan had gone.

Saints were to win just 11 of their next 59 Premier League games – a run beginning with a 2-0 loss at Fulham on Boxing Day 2003 and culminating in a 2-1 home loss to Manchester United on an emotionally-charged day at St Mary's in May 2005 that sentenced the club to relegation.

The decline was as equally quick and unexpected as Saints' renaissance over the past three seasons and seven games has been truly amazing.

The story of Southampton FC in the past decade serves as notice – if any examples were needed – as to the remarkable nature of the sport.

Apart from a select few clubs, who everyone knows will be towards the top of the Premier League every year, it is impossible to predict the future with any confidence.

Who, a decade ago, would have contemplated Saints ever being bottom of the third division on minus 10 points?

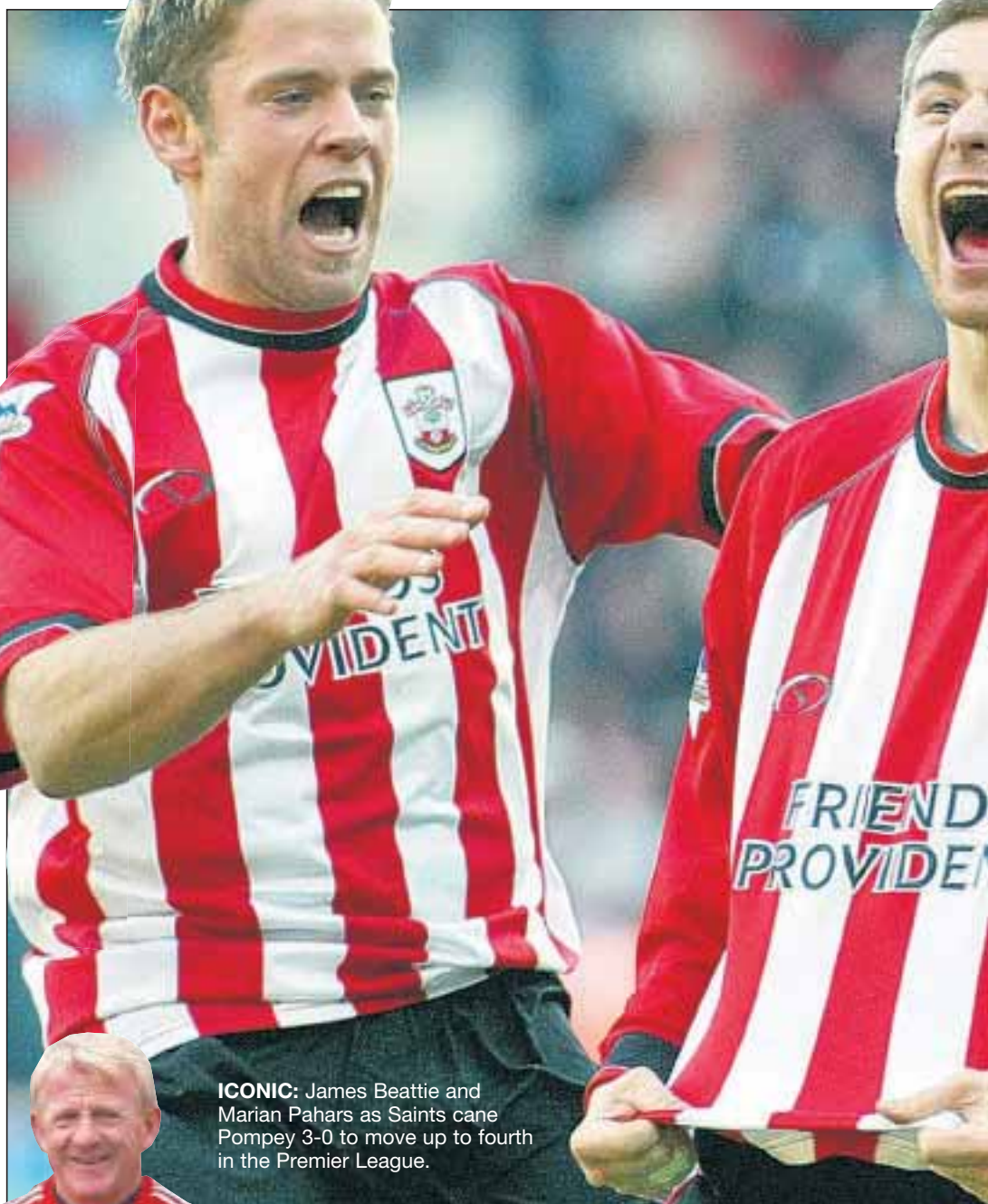
And who would ever have thought they would go from League 1's bottom four to the Premier League's top four in just over three years?

Surely, though, we are safe to assume that reaching fourth place again won't result in another cataclysmic Saints fall from grace?

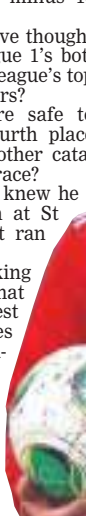
A decade ago, Strachan knew he would not be staying on at St Mary's after his contract ran out.

Pochettino is only looking forward to pulling off what would be one of the greatest managerial masterstrokes in many an English season.

Make no mistake, for guiding Saints to a top four finish would ensure his place in Premier League folklore. Even a fifth place finish would be truly mind-boggling.



**ICONIC:** James Beattie and Marian Pahars as Saints cane Pompey 3-0 to move up to fourth in the Premier League.



In recent times, the two Manchester clubs, Arsenal, Tottenham and Chelsea have had a monopoly on the top five – only broken by Alan Pardew's Newcastle finishing fifth two seasons ago.

Newcastle, though, regularly play in front of 50,000 fans at home games. They were twice runners-up in the Premier League in the 1990s.

Saints don't play in front of anywhere near 50,000 supporters and have never finished in the top seven since the top flight was rebranded

**RESIGNED:** Gordon Strachan

over two decades ago.

Indeed, in 36 seasons of rubbing shoulders with English football's elite (and Swansea) Saints have only managed six top five finishes – in 1969, 1971, 1981, 1982, 1984 and 1985.

With the benefit of hindsight, it is now possible to look back on the 1980s as the last era where non 'glamorous' clubs could finish in the top five and win trophies.

Will the likes of Saints, Ipswich and Watford ever finish top flight runners-up again?

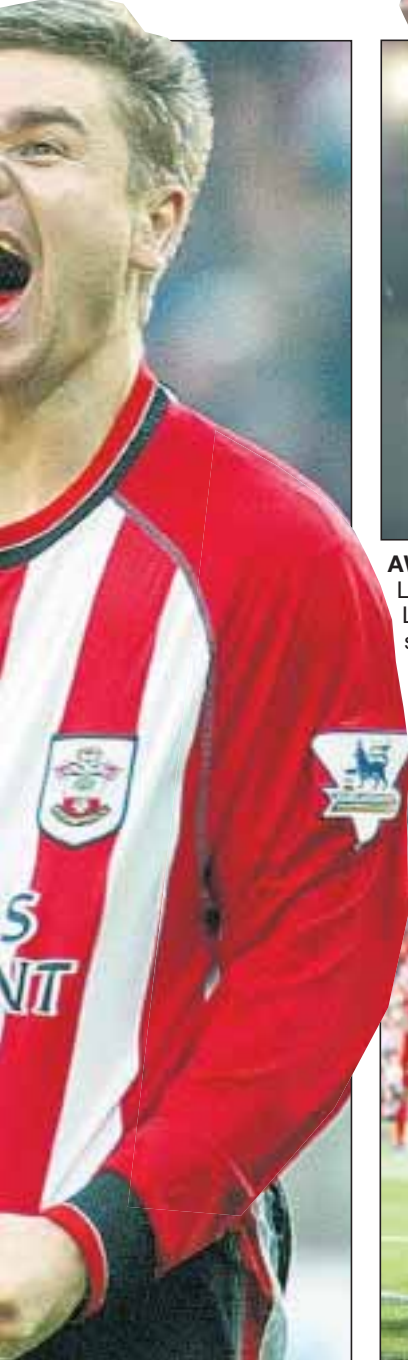
Will Coventry ever win the FA Cup again?

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## Saints Spotlight

## DEFIES BELIEF



**AWAY THE LADS:** Rickie Lambert, above, and Dejan Lovren, below, have scored in Saints' away league wins this season, to help take Mauricio Pochettino's side into fourth place.



Or Oxford United or Luton the League Cup again?

The footballing landscape has changed so much since then, with the rich coining it in more than ever. Saints can compete, of course they can, but they need to do two things.

One, to work the transfer market better than the clubs of a similar size. After all, they can't just go out waving large salary cheques and signing players for £30m a pop like Chelsea or Manchester City.

And two, to ensure an impressive supply of youngsters continue to roll off their own academy conveyor belt.

This they are undoubtedly doing.

The signing of Dejan Lovren for £8.5m already looks a bargain, while the likes of Luke Shaw, Calum Chambers and James Ward-Prowse have impressed in recent weeks - earning England recognition in the process.

If Saints carry on getting all that right, how far can they go?

Is fourth place the best it can get for

**FIFTH PLACE:** George Burley led Ipswich to a lofty finish in 2001.

Premier League December 21 2003						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Man United	17	13	1	3	34	11 40
Arsenal	17	11	6	0	31	12 39
Chelsea	17	12	3	2	31	12 39
<b>SAINTS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12 26</b>
Fulham	17	7	4	6	28	23 25
Newcastle United	17	6	7	4	25	20 25
Charlton Athletic	17	6	6	5	22	20 24
Birmingham City	16	6	5	5	14	18 23
Liverpool	16	6	4	6	23	18 22
Bolton Wanderers	17	5	7	5	17	23 22
Everton	17	5	5	7	20	22 20
Middlesbrough	16	5	5	6	12	15 20
Aston Villa	17	5	5	7	16	23 20
Manchester City	16	5	4	7	23	22 19
Tottenham Hotspur	17	5	3	9	19	26 18
Blackburn Rovers	17	5	2	10	23	27 17
Leicester City	17	4	4	9	25	28 16
Portsmouth	17	4	4	9	18	25 16
Leeds United	16	4	3	9	16	36 15
Wolves	16	2	5	9	13	35 11

Premier League 2003-04 final table						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Arsenal	38	26	12	0	73	26 90
Chelsea	38	24	7	7	67	30 79
Manchester United	38	23	6	9	64	35 75
Liverpool	38	16	12	10	55	37 60
Newcastle United	38	13	17	8	52	40 56
Aston Villa	38	15	11	12	48	44 56
Charlton Athletic	38	14	11	13	51	51 53
Bolton Wanderers	38	14	11	13	48	56 53
Fulham	38	14	10	14	52	46 52
Birmingham City	38	12	14	12	43	48 50
Middlesbrough	38	13	9	16	44	52 48
<b>SAINTS</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45 47</b>
Portsmouth	38	12	9	17	47	54 45
Tottenham Hotspur	38	13	6	19	47	57 45
Blackburn Rovers	38	12	8	18	51	59 44
Manchester City	38	9	14	15	55	54 41
Everton	38	9	12	17	45	57 39
Leicester City	38	6	15	17	48	65 33
Leeds United	38	8	9	21	40	79 33
Wolves	38	7	12	19	38	77 33

a club that three years ago was a division behind their arch rivals Portsmouth, yet are now 79 places above them in the pyramid?

The last club similar in size to Saints to claim a top-five spot was George Burley's Ipswich, back in 2001.

The Tractor Boys finished fifth, and were relegated 12 months later.

As for the last club of Saints' size to finish in the top four, we have to go back to 1994/95 when Blackburn won the title and Nottingham Forest finished third.

That is a long time ago.

There is a long way to go in 2013/14, we all know that.

We have not even had a fifth of the season yet.

But if we cannot celebrate Saints' early season successes, even after just seven matches, then something is wrong.

Saints' recent rise is unparalleled in the higher echelons of English football.

Back to back promotions, from the depths of the third tier, to the top four of what many claim is the best league on planet earth.

Bigger challenges lie ahead than Sunderland, West Ham, Crystal Palace and Swansea at home.

But Pochettino's men have already been to Anfield and won, shattering Liverpool's unbeaten record.

This weekend they were paying a visit to Old Trafford, still the ultimate test for any Premier League side.

But West Bromwich Albion recently proved David Moyes' men are not invincible at home any more.

If Saints could have produced a similar result, the shockwaves will be seismic.

Saints fans will be getting carried away with thoughts of what might be if their club bag three points at Old Trafford.

And what better ground to do that at than the Theatre of Dreams ...

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**League 1:** Bradford v Wolverhampton, Brentford v Shrewsbury, Carlisle v Bristol City, Colchester v Peterborough, Leyton Orient v Rotherham, Notts County v Preston, Oldham v Swindon, Port Vale v Gillingham, Sheff Utd v Crewe, Stevenage v Crawley Town, Tranmere v Milton Keynes Dons, Walsall v Coventry

**League 2:** AFC Wimbledon v Oxford Utd, Bristol Rovers v Chesterfield, Dag & Red v Rochdale, Exeter v Burton Albion, Mansfield v Plymouth, Morecambe v Accrington Stanley, Newport County v Southend, Northampton v Cheltenham (2.00), Scunthorpe v Wrexham, Torquay v Portsmouth, Wycombe v Bury, York v Fleetwood Town.

#### FA CUP

**Fourth qualifying round:** Macclesfield Town v Vauxhall Motors, Stamford v Hednesford Town, Grimsby Town v Rushall Olympic, Worcester City v Lincoln City, Bradford (Park Avenue) v Kidderminster Harriers (being played Sunday, October 27 3pm), Wrexham v Hyde, Workington v Stourbridge, Southport v Marske United, Colwyn Bay v Corby Town, Tamworth v Solihull Moors, Nuneaton Town v v FC Halifax Town, North Ferriby United v Alfreton Town, Brackley Town v Barrow, Chester v Gateshead, Hemel Hempstead Town v Sutton United, AFC Hornchurch v Hereford United, Ebbsfleet United v Dartford, Barnet v Concord Rangers, Chatham Town v St Albans City, Dover Athletic v Oxford City, Boreham Wood v Heybridge Swifts, Bath City v Salisbury City, Gloucester City v Hampton & Richmond Borough, Weymouth v Braintree Town, Forest Green Rovers v Bishop's Cleeve, Needham Market v Cambridge United, Biggleswade Town v Canvey Island, Shortwood United v Aldershot Town, Woking v Luton Town, Brimsley v Welling United, Hartley Wintney v Davenport Town, Staines Town v Poole Town.

#### SKRILL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

**South:** Dorchester v Basingstoke, Gosport Borough v Chelmsford, Havant & Waterlooville v Eastbourne Borough, Maidenhead v Bromley, Tonbridge Angels v Whitehawk, Weston-super-Mare v Hayes & Yeading.

#### CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** AFC Totton v Arlesey, Bashley v Banbury, Bideford v St Neots, Chesham v Redditch, Truro v Cambridge City, Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Clevedon, Bridgwater v Mangotsfield, Cirencester v Wimborne, Didcot v Fleet Town, Merthyr Town v Taunton, North Leigh v Evesham, Paulton Rovers v Cinderford, Stratford v Guildford, Swindon Supermarine v Tiverton, Yate v Thatcham.

#### SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** AFC Portchester v Downton, Bemerton HH v Totton & Eling, Brockenhurst v Bournemouth Poppies, Christchurch v Folland Sports, Fawley AFC v Blackfield & Langley, Lymington Town v Horndean, Moneyfields v Hamworthy Utd, Romsey v Alresford, Verwood v Winchester City, Whitchurch v Newport IoW.

**Division One:** Amesbury v Petersfield, Andover Town v Andover New Street, Cowes Sports v Laverstock & Ford, Fleet Spurs v Team Solent, Hayling Utd v Hythe & Dibden, New Milton v East Cowes Vics, Ringwood v Stockbridge.

#### WILTSHIRE SENIOR CUP

**First round:** Wiltshire Calne v Pewsey Vale.

#### PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP

**Second round:** Clanfield v Baffins Milton Rovers, Fleetlands v Horndean Hawks.

**PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE**

**PEHPL Cup, second round:** AFC Stoneham v Overton, Bush Hill v Paulsgrove, Headley Utd v Infinity, Liphook v AFC Aldermaston, Locks Heath v Andover Lions, Otterbourne v Hamble Club, QK Southampton v Colden Common.

**Premier Division:** Hedge End Rangers v Bishops Waltham Town, Liss Athletic v Winchester Castle.

**Division One:** Broughton v Lyndhurst, Durlay v Four Marks, Michelmersh & Timsbury v Upham.

**Combination:** Bishops Waltham v Hedge End Rangers, Hamble Club v AFC Stoneham, Liss v Fleetlands, Overton v Otterbourne, Paulsgrove v Michelmersh & Timsbury, Winchester Castle v Clanfield.

#### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** Wimborne v Dorchester Town.

**Division One East:** Alresford Town v Folland Sports, Colden Common v Horndean, Tadley Calvea v Petersfield.

**Division One West:** Laverstock & Ford v Verwood, Team Solent v Fawley.

**Wyvern Shield League Phase:** (C) Alton Town v Lymington Town, (D) East Cowes Vics v Romsey Town, (B) Hythe & Dibden v Locks Heath, (D) Newport IoW v Hayling Utd, (C) Sholing v Ringwood, (B) US Portsmouth v Christchurch.

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## Sports Quiz

- 1 Eredivisie club Go Ahead Eagles are based in which Dutch city?
- 2 Who scored a hole-in-one on the 14th at The K Club during the 2006 Ryder Cup?
- 3 The 'Heavy Woollen Derby' is contested by which rugby league clubs?
- 4 Who did welterweight Vyacheslav Senchenko defeat in Manchester in November 2012?
- 5 Sisters Maud and Lilian contested the first ever Wimbledon ladies' singles title in 1884. What was their surname?
- 6 Which club won the FA Cup in 1997?
- 7 Where will Sachin Tendulkar play his final Test for India?
- 8 Who won last year's World Superbikes title?
- 9 Which Spanish club did Wales boss Chris Coleman manage after leaving Fulham?
- 10 Which US motor racing circuit, famous for its NASCAR events, this week announced plans to host a college football game in a front of predicted 150,000-strong crowd in 2016?
- 11 Which former Ireland player holds the record for the most Test tries by a hooker?
- 12 Which football team won the European Cup in 1979?
- 13 Where do the New York Knicks play their home matches?



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- 14 Who was the most expensive transfer in rugby league history prior to Sam Tomkins?
- 15 Which horse won the 2005 Grand National?
- 16 Who is the reigning World Touring Car champion?
- 17 From which club did Gus Poyet join Chelsea on a free transfer in 1997?
- 18 Tony Romo is the starting quarterback for which NFL team?
- 19 Who was defeated in five successive World Snooker Championship finals between 1990 and 1994?
- 20 Epke Zonderland is an Olympic and world champion in which sport?
- 21 For which team was Niki Lauda driving when he won his third F1 world title in 1984?
- 22 Norwich manager Chris Hughton was capped 53 times by which country?
- 23 Katie Ledecky is an Olympic champion in which sport?
- 24 Bill Belichick is the head coach of which NFL team?
- 25 Who is the current world number one in snooker?

## ANSWERS

1 Deventer; 2 Paul Casey; 3 Batley Bulldogs and Dewsbury Rams; 4 Ricky Hatton; 5 Watson (Maud Watson won); 6 Chelsea; 7 Mumbati; 8 Max Biaggi; 9 Real Sociedad; 10 Bristol Motor Speedway; 11 Keith Wood; 12 Nottingham Forest; 13 Middleton Square Garden; 14 Stuart Fielden; 15 Hedgehunder; 16 Vyan Muller; 17 Real Zaragoza; 18 Dallas Cowboys; 19 Jimmy White; 20 Gymnastics; 21 McLaren; 22 Republic of Ireland; 23 Swimming; 24 New England Patriots; 25 Neil Robertson.

## Premiership Spotlight



# GUS READY FOR A 'DAGENHAM IN DISGUISE' ...

**SAINTS are set to resume rivalry with the manager who once described their style of football as on a par with Dagenham & Redbridge.**

Gus Poyet has taken on the poisoned chalice of managing Sunderland after being appointed the club's sixth permanent boss in five tumultuous years.

Poyet was without a club since leaving Brighton & Hove Albion in acrimonious circumstances during the summer.

The 45-year-old Uruguayan recently replaced the controversial Paolo Di Canio with the Black Cats rooted to the foot of the Premier League with just one point from seven games.

That point was gained at St Mary's back in August, when only a late Jose Fonte equaliser prevented Sunderland from winning at Saints for the second season running.

Now the clubs will meet again in the fourth round of the League Cup at the Stadium of Light on November 6.

Poyet is well known to Saints fans for his dismissive comments on their club back in April and May 2011.

Back then, Brighton won the League 1 title with four games to go, with Saints accompanying the Sussex club up in second place.

Saints first angered Poyet by not lining up to form a guard of honour prior to their 2-1 win at The Withdean in April.

Prior to that, he had taunted Saints by saying they should have won the title with the budget and players Nigel Adkins possessed.

In that, he was not wrong. Poyet then hit out at Saints' tactics, likening them to relegated Dagenham & Redbridge in terms of being long ball.

He followed that outburst up by accusing the Football League of



**WINNER:** Jose Fonte has just netted Saints' late winner at Brighton in April 2011.

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giving Saints an unfair advantage in the run-in by allowing them to play at Plymouth on May Bank Holiday Monday!

Prior to the league game at The Withdean, Poyet remarked: "This is a game we can go out and enjoy. 'It's all set up as a big one for them, but we are champions."

"They can't get us. They can do nothing to influence our season. We have proved we are the best team in the league."

"It doesn't matter if we are beaten 10-0. They are Southampton and they should be top because they have the best players in the

league."

After late goals from David Connolly and Jose Fonte had given Saints victory in Sussex, Poyet hit out at Adkins' tactics.

"I said a few weeks ago, with all respect to both teams, they play the same kind of football as Dagenham & Redbridge," said Poyet.

"They only defend, they go Lambert."

"If you give to Dagenham & Redbridge Barnard and Lambert I can say to you that Dagenham will be top six."

"So it's difficult to defend, they put the ball in the box."

It was a surprising statement to make, given that Adkins' teams were well known for their passing style.

But Poyet was insistent that the Seagulls' style of play was far easier on the eye, as well as being more effective.

That was not the end of Poyet's public annoyance with Saints.

Saints effectively booked their place in the Championship by beating Plymouth 3-1 on May Bank Holiday Monday – a fixture that had been rearranged from the end of March.

The switch was due to Argyle having three players called up for international duty.

But with a number of rearranged games already scheduled for a chaotic April, the trip to Home Park was moved to the last week of the season.

Poyet was angered by that decision, claiming that the Football

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**'If you give to Dagenham Barnard and Lambert I can say to you that Dagenham will be top six'**

**— Gus Poyet, April 2011**



GOAL: David Connolly scores at Brighton, April 2011.

League prevented Albion moving their postponed game against Dagenham in the same week.

"We tried to play a game that was postponed in between the last two games and were told we were not allowed," said Poyet.

"I don't know why Southampton were allowed, they shouldn't have been.

"In any championship in the world, the last two games of the season you play the same time as your opposition.

"I don't understand it and that is something the Football League should answer."

Returning to the post-match comments after Saints' win at The Withdean, Poyet was keen

to highlight what he saw as two contrasting styles.

"It's a big difference between the two teams anyway," he said.

"We are a team that we need to keep the ball, and because we didn't keep it we lost the game.

"They are a team that it doesn't matter how they play, they will always kick it forward and put it in the box.

"You know, position against possession.

"This season possession has beaten position and that's what is going to be remembered.

"When you look back in ten years' time, who won the championship this year?

"It was Brighton, playing

football and passing the ball, not kicking the ball and putting it in the box.

"That's fact, we cannot change that."

What is also fact is that Saints have carried on the momentum from their League 1 days and entered this week-end's game at Old Trafford sitting proudly in a Champions League place.

Brighton, meanwhile, remain in the Championship.

Poyet has now joined Saints in the top flight, but how long he remains there with Sunderland struggling so badly will be fascinating to see.

Whatever happens, he surely won't be labelling Mauricio Pochettino's men as Dagenham in disguise again ...

## CRICKETING KNIGHTHOODS

**1926 Sir Francis Lacey:** Services to cricket. Secretary of the MCC (1898-1926)

**1927 Sir Stanley Jackson:** Former Governor of Bengal who played 20 test matches for England

**1928 Sir Murray Bissett:** Services to the Commonwealth. Former South African test captain

**1929 Sir Frederick Toone:** Services to cricket. Best known as a cricket administrator

**1936 Maharajkumar of Vizianagram:** Services to cricket. Played three test matches for India

**1937 Sir Pelham Warner:** Services to cricket. Former England test cricketer

**1944 Sir C. Aubrey Smith:** Services to theatre. Played in one test match for England

**1949 Sir Don Bradman:** Services to cricket. Widely considered to be the greatest batsman ever to play the game

**1953 Sir Jack Hobbs:** Services to cricket. England test batsman, leading run scorer in first class cricket

**1953 Sir H.D.G. Leveson-Gower:** Services to cricket. Former England test captain

**1956 Sir Len Hutton:** Services to cricket. Yorkshire and England opening batsman who once had the highest individual score in a test match innings (364)

**1962 Lord Constantine:** For his political work. Former West Indian test cricketer

**1964 Sir Frank Worrell:** Services to cricket. First black captain of the West Indies cricket team

**1975 Sir Garfield Sobers:** Services to cricket. Considered one of the greatest all-rounders in the history of the game

**1977 Sir Jack Newman:** Services to the transportation industry. Played three test matches for New Zealand

**1986 Sir George 'Gubby' Allen:** Services to



**KNIGHTED:** Sir Gary Sobers with Saints legend Mick Channon back in 1982.

cricket. Former England test captain and administrator

**1990 Sir Richard Hadlee:** Services to cricket. One of test cricket's greatest all-rounders

**1992 Lord Cowdrey:** Services to cricket. First cricketer to play 100 test matches

**1993 Sir Clyde Walcott:** Services to cricket. Former West Indian cricketer and first non-English and non-white President of the ICC

**1995 Sir Everton Weekes:** Services to cricket. Former West Indian test cricketer

**1996 Sir Alec Bedser:** Services to cricket. Played over 50 test matches for England and was once Chairman of Selectors

**1998 Sir Conrad Hunte:** Services to cricket. Former West Indian test cricketer

**1999 Sir Vivian Richards:** Services to cricket. One of Wisden's five cricketers of the century

**2007 Sir Ian Botham:** Services to charity. England's greatest ever cricketer

**2012 Sir Wes Hall:** Services to cricket and the community. Former West Indian test cricketer

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## Did You Know?

ENGLAND secured qualification for next summer's World Cup in Brazil on Tuesday night with a 2-0 victory over Poland at Wembley. Here, the *SPORTS PINK* looks at how the team have fared on their previous finals appearances.

### 1950 (BRAZIL - FIRST ROUND)

England made their debut appearance at the first finals to be held in Brazil, having rejoined world governing body FIFA following the end of the Second World War.

The tournament started brightly with a 2-0 win over Chile but they were then the victims of one of the greatest upsets of all time as part-time dishwasher Joe Gaetjens grabbed the only goal in a 1-0 victory for the United States. A further defeat followed to Spain and that was that, with only the group winners progressing to the final group phase.

**Tournament record: P 3 W 1 D 0 L 2**

### 1954 (SWITZERLAND - QUARTER-FINALS)

Sir Walter Winterbottom's team had been torn apart 6-3 at home and 7-1 away by Hungary in the year leading up to the tournament, so any sense of English superiority had already taken a huge knock by the time the team arrived in Switzerland. They did enough to get through their group in second place but lost out to holders Uruguay 4-2 in Basle in the quarters.

**Tournament record: P 3 W 1 D 1 L 1**

### 1958 (SWEDEN - FIRST ROUND)

The first and so far only time when all four nations comprising the United Kingdom qualified, but England failed to get out of a group containing eventual winners Brazil. Draws in each of their three group games set up a second-place play-off against the Soviet Union, who won the decisive match 1-0 to reach the quarter-finals.

**Tournament record: P 4 W 0 D 3 L 1**

### 1962 (CHILE - QUARTER-FINALS)

England battled through to finish second in their group but ran into a Brazil side inspired by the brilliant Garrincha in the last eight. He scored twice to send England packing in a 3-1 defeat in Vina del Mar.

**Tournament record: P 4 W 1 D 1 L 2**

### 1966 (ENGLAND - WINNERS)

Alf Ramsey's side got it right on home soil, recovering from going behind early on to West Germany to come back and win 4-2 after extra-time at Wembley. Geoff Hurst - later knighted for his efforts - scored a hat-trick, including England's controversial third where the whole of the ball did not appear to cross the line.

**Tournament record: P 6 W 5 D 1 L 0**

### 1970 (MEXICO - QUARTER-FINALS)

A tournament played in scorching temperatures had its high points for England - Gordon Banks' save from Pele and Bobby Moore's tackle on Jairzinho in the 1-0 group stage defeat to Brazil are still held up as two of the greatest examples of defensive play of all time. But they fell to West Germany and the predatory Gerd Muller in the last eight as Peter Bonetti - in for the poorly Banks - failed to cover himself in glory.

**Tournament record: P 4 W 2 D 0 L 2**

### 1982 (SPAIN - SECOND GROUP PHASE)

Ron Greenwood's team made a stunning start as Bryan Robson put them 1-0 up against France 27 seconds into their opening match after failed attempts to qualify for the 1974 and 1978 finals. They won three out of three in the opening group phase but, needing a victory

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# WORLD CUP ROUND-UP -- WORLD CUP ROUND-UP --

**IT could well be the largest collection of Saints players in any World Cup finals tournament ever.**

Defender Maya Yoshida, a regular in the Japan side, was the first to qualify for next summer's spectacular in Brazil.

He was followed by Dani Osvaldo, whose Italy booked their place in Brazil back in September.

England qualified this week, but Rickie Lambert must wait to see if he is included in Roy Hodgson's 23-man squad.

Though Lambert impressed with two goals in his first two games for his country, there is no way he can presume he will definitely be on the plane to Brazil.

Dejan Lovren's Croatia and Gaston Ramirez's Uruguay could also qualify through the play-offs.

Uruguay will be the sixth seeds next summer if they can progress past a two-legged play-off with Jordan.

That means there could well be five Saints players in the World Cup finals.

The previous best was three in 2002 - Wayne Bridge (England), Anders Svensson (Sweden) and Agustin Delgado (Ecuador).

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at the countries who have secured their passage to the finals so far.

## ARGENTINA

**Coach:** Alejandro Sabella

**Star man:** Lionel Messi

**Tournament best:** Winners 1978, 1986

Barcelona superstar Messi will turn 27 during next summer's tournament and this looks his best chance to add major international glory to his glittering club successes. Plenty of other attacking options are also available to coach Sabella, but the defence might be a weak link against top-class opposition.

## AUSTRALIA

**Coach:** None

**Star man:** Robbie Kruse

**Tournament best:** Last 16 2006

The Socceroos qualified from the Asian section but some terrible friendly results since, plus a failure to truly refresh an ageing squad, have cost coach Holger Osieck his job. Getting out of the group phase may be the best they can hope for.

## BELGIUM

**Coach:** Marc Wilmots

**Star man:** Eden Hazard

**Tournament best:** Fourth 1986

Back at the finals more than a decade since their last appearance, Wilmots presides over a highly capable generation of players who could go far in Brazil.

## BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

**Coach:** Safet Susic

**Star man:** Edin Dzeko

**Tournament best:** Never qualified

The nation born out of the break-up of Yugoslavia in the 1990s is heading into uncharted territory. They will rely heavily on the Champions League experience of striker Dzeko and midfielders Miralem Pjanic and captain Emir Spahic while in Asmir Begovic they have a top-class goalkeeper.



## BRAZIL

**Coach:** Luiz Felipe Scolari

**Star man:** Neymar

**Tournament best:** Winners 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994, 2002

Success at the Confederations Cup last summer has raised hopes of a record-extending sixth World Cup triumph on home soil next summer. Scolari has previous after taking them to victory in 2002, and if Barcelona forward Neymar shines then Brazil could be about to witness the mother of all parties.

## COLOMBIA

**Coach:** Jose Pekerman

**Star man:** Radamel Falcao

**Tournament best:** Last 16 1990

Qualified in relative comfort and playing the finals in South America should also be an advantage to Pekerman's side. In Falcao they have a born goalscorer, allied to the creative talents of his Monaco team-mate James Rodriguez, and they will feel well capable of at least matching their best-ever World Cup performance.

## COSTA RICA

**Coach:** Jorge Luis Pinto

**Star man:** Bryan Ruiz

**Tournament best:** Last 16 1990

Seized upon Mexico's struggles to follow the United States as the

pace-setters in the CONCACAF section, but going any further than the group stage will be a lot to ask.

## ENGLAND

**Coach:** Roy Hodgson

**Star man:** Wayne Rooney

**Tournament best:** Winners 1966

England are still looking for the magic formula which will get them past the quarter-final hurdle for only the second time since they lifted the trophy on home soil. Despite concerns raised about the quality of the current squad, they topped their group without losing a game and were among the top four highest scorers in the European qualifying zone.

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to edge past hosts Spain into the semi-finals, they could only draw 0-0 as substitute Kevin Keegan flashed a close-range header wide.

**Tournament record:** P 5 W 3 D 2 L 0

## 1986 (MEXICO - QUARTER-FINALS)

Defeat to Portugal and a draw against Morocco made for an insipid start but a hat-trick from Gary Lineker in a 3-0 win over Poland helped them get out of the group stage. Paraguay were knocked out in the last 16 to set up a last-eight clash with eventual winners Argentina, who triumphed with a brace from Diego Maradona - the first the infamous 'Hand of God' goal and the second a solo effort widely regarded as the greatest goal ever scored.

**Tournament record:** P 5 W 2 D 1 L 2

## 1990 (ITALY - SEMI-FINALS)

England's best performance on foreign soil came under Bobby Robson in Italy. A couple of nerveless penalties from Lineker enabled England to scrape past Cameroon in the quarters before another meeting with West Germany in Turin. Lineker equalised to take the match into extra-time but Bodo Illgner's save from Stuart Pearce's effort and Chris Waddle's subsequent miss in the shoot-out meant the end of the road, and the start of England's penalty curse.

**Tournament record:** P 7 W 3 D 2 L 2\*

\*One defeat on penalties

## 1998 (FRANCE - LAST 16)

England suffered penalty heartbreak again at France 98, this time against Argentina. Michael Owen scored a sensational individual goal to put England 2-1 up but they were pegged back, and missed kicks from Paul Ince and David Batty sent England home. David Beckham attracted most of the blame for his sending-off early in the second half.

**Tournament record:** P 4 W 2 D 0 L 2\*

\*One defeat on penalties

## 2002 (SOUTH KOREA/JAPAN - QUARTER-FINALS)

England claimed an early lead against eventual winners Brazil in Shizuoka thanks to Owen, but goals either side of half-time from Rivaldo and Ronaldinho condemned Sven-Goran Eriksson's men to defeat.

**Tournament record:** P 5 W 2 D 2 L 1

## 2006 (GERMANY - QUARTER-FINALS)

Deja vu for England as, for the second major tournament in succession, they were dumped out on penalties by Portugal in the last eight. England finished the match in Gelsenkirchen with 10 men after Wayne Rooney was sent off for a stamp on Ricardo Carvalho. In truth, it was a hugely disappointing tournament for what should have been the 'golden generation' at its peak.

**Tournament record:** P 5 W 3 D 1 L 1\*

\*Defeat on penalties

## 2010 (SOUTH AFRICA - LAST 16)

England's bubble burst early on as a fumble by Robert Green cost three points in the opener against the United States. Unconvincing performances against Algeria and Slovenia followed before they were blown away 4-1 by Germany in Bloemfontein.

**Tournament record:** P 4 W 1 D 2 L 1

**OVERALL RECORD:** P 59 W 26 D 16 L 17\*

\*Three penalty shoot-out defeats included in the losses column. ends

# Saints stars can start dreaming of Brazil 2014

**WORLD CUP SAINTS:** Rickie Lambert, below, Maya Yoshida, far left, and Dani Osvaldo, main pic, could all be in action in Brazil next summer.



## GERMANY

**Coach:** Joachim Low

**Star man:** Bastian Schweinsteiger

**Tournament best:** Winners 1954, 1974, 1990 (all as West Germany) Arguably Europe's best hope of bringing the trophy back from South America. Low's side is littered with players steeped in top-level experience and this may be the time for Mesut Ozil, Thomas Muller, Schweinsteiger et al to make the final step at international level.

## HOLLAND

**Coach:** Louis van Gaal

**Star man:** Robin van Persie

**Tournament best:** Runners-up 1974, 1978, 2010

Van Gaal made amends for his failure to lead the Oranje to the 2002 tournament with an impressive qualification campaign, but memories are still fresh of their awful showing at Euro 2012. If the egos can be managed, they could go far, although getting to the final again seems unlikely.

## JAPAN

**Coach:** Alberto Zaccheroni

**Star man:** Keisuke Honda

**Tournament best:** Last 16 2002, 2010 Stormed to qualification in their pool and Zaccheroni has moulded them into a strong squad, but three

defeats out of three at the Confederations Cup last summer leaves them open to question about their top-level credentials.

## IRAN

**Coach:** Carlos

**Queiroz**

**Star man:** Javad

**Nekounam**

**Tournament best:** Group stage

1978, 1998,

2006

Topped their

qualification pool ahead of South Korea and although the side contains players like Nekounam with European pedigree, it is difficult to see them progressing beyond the groups.

## ITALY

**Coach:** Cesare Prandelli

**Star man:** Mario Balotelli

**Tournament best:** Winners 1934, 1938, 1982, 2006

Prandelli's team performed well in reaching the Euro 2012 final and would love nothing more than to equal Brazil's record of five World Cup successes on Brazilian soil.

## RUSSIA

**Coach:** Fabio Capello

**Star man:** Alexander Kokorin

**Tournament best:** Semi-final 1966

Having missed three of the last four tournaments, and not progressed beyond the group stage since 1986, topping Group F ahead of Portugal suggests things may be about to improve with the promise offered by 22-year-old forward Kokorin backed by the experience of the likes of keeper Igor Akinfeev and striker Alexander Kerzhakov.

## SOUTH KOREA

**Coach:** Hong Myung-bo

**Star man:** Son Heung-min

**Tournament best:** Fourth 2002

Koreans hope that 2002 captain Hong can inspire the current crop, but an appearance in the last 16 might be the best they can achieve.

## SPAIN

**Coach:** Vicente del Bosque

**Star man:** Andres Iniesta

**Tournament best:** Winners 2010

Having enjoyed the best spell in their country's history there is a sense that Spain are not as strong as they once were as their golden generation loses some of its lustre. However, that does not mean the depth of their talent should be under-estimated as the likes of Roberto Soldado, Alvaro Negredo, Jesus Navas and Michu have added new impetus while the quality of Iniesta, David Silva and Xavi remains.

## SWITZERLAND

**Coach:** Ottmar Hitzfeld

**Star man:** Xherdan Shaqiri

**Tournament best:** Quarter-finals 1934, 1938, 1954

Hitzfeld will be among the most experienced coaches among the 32 finalists, and he oversees a group featuring several star names from the German Bundesliga. A new generation which has impressed at under-age tournaments - spearheaded by Bayern Munich's Shaqiri - are now poised to strut their stuff at senior level.

## UNITED STATES

**Coach:** Jurgen Klinsmann

**Star man:** Clint Dempsey

**Tournament best:** Third 1930

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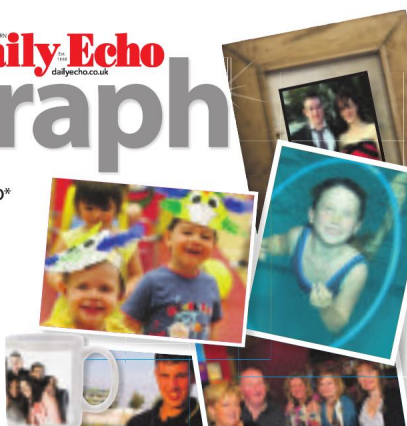
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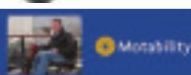
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## Non-league Action

# Mason's strike dumps Winchester out of Vase

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

**WINCHESTER City's hopes of replicating their 2004 FA Vase glory days were sunk by Sydenhams Premier Division rivals Sholing this afternoon.**

An inspired Barry Mason strike in the 15th minute edged the under-strength Boatmen to a 1-0 victory in a tense first round tie watched by 152 at the Denplan City Ground.

The visitors made light of the injuries blighting their squad, creating three excellent chances in as many minutes.

With just a matter of seconds gone, Marvin McLean met Pete Castle's high ball into the box a split second ahead of goalkeeper Stewart Kearn, but Dan Thompson was back to scrape the ball off the line.

Kearn then turned away a thumping Barry Mason strike as it headed for the top corner and, from Tyrone Bowers' flag kick, Castle headed just wide.

Having ridden that storm, City began to play their football.

Having been unlucky with a Liam Robinson through ball that was marginally too far in front of him, Russell Cook powered past Castle as he cut in from the left, only to run into Mike Carter.

Sholing responded with another Castle header following a Bowers corner before taking the lead with 15 minutes gone.

Lee Wort provided the assist, laying the ball back from the by-line for Barry Mason to finish with an acrobatic effort into the far corner.

City earned a free kick in a good position when Carter fouled Chris Flood, but Liam Green struck the ball straight at goalkeeper Matt Brown.

Sholing, though, were having much the better of it and were desperately unlucky not to double their lead on 28 minutes when Barry Mason slipped the ball to

**BATTLE: Action from Winchester City's FA Vase clash with Sholing.**



Bowers on the right and his magnificent first-time shot from 25 yards bounced off the top of the crossbar and over.

On 33 minutes Cook again did well for City on the left, but Sholing keeper Brown cut out his dangerous cross with Robinson rapidly closing in.

After half-chances for Flood and Robinson at one end, Winchester goalkeeper Kearn showed terrific reflexes to stop Mitchell Fear's header going in following a bout of head tennis inside the home area.

City had another escape in stoppage time when Wort broke clean

through on to McLean's pass. Kearn did well to take the initial sting out of Wort's low strike and City skipper Leigh Mills got back to clear.

Not for the first time this season Winchester emerged from the half-time dressing room a changed side and, almost immediately, Cook headed Chris Mason's cross just past the far post.

City kept persisting and earned themselves a penalty seconds later when Byron Mason handled Flood's driven strike inside the area.

Mason was booked and it was Flood who stepped up to take the

penalty. He hit it well enough, but Brown got down brilliantly to his left to keep it out of the bottom corner.

With the heavens opening, Kearn took the safety-first option at the other end, palming Danny Cox's floated free kick behind as it threatened to find its way into the far top corner.

With Winchester asking more questions of Sholing's makeshift defence, Cook had a shot deflected wide for a corner before forcing Brown to punch clear another testing cross.

On 70 minutes City boss Graham Kemp withdrew Cook and threw on another of his ex-Christchurch charges, Ben Osborne, up front.

With Sholing's injuries leaving them little scope for change, they had a weary look about them as the game entered its closing stages.

There was hope for City on 74 minutes when Chris Mason sent Robinson away down the left but they had no-one to get on the end of his cross.

Sholing lost yet another player to injury on 81 minutes when Cox limped off to be replaced by Mark Diaper.

There was huge controversy five minutes from time when Castle raised his hands to cut out a ball over the top. As play continued, Robinson stroked the ball into the Sholing net, but referee Hopkins had already blown his whistle.

He sent Castle off for a second bookable offence and awarded City a free kick which Robinson sent over.

Already desperately short of centre-halves, Sholing boss Dave Diaper threw on player-coach James Taylor to get his side across the finishing line.

There was more drama as the game spilled into stoppage time.

Twice the excellent Brown came to Sholing's rescue with a double save from Osborne at his near post and, with Sholing still unable to clear, he tipped sub Matt Gray's header on to the bar.

## Ex-Port man Alek makes his mark in Conference

FORMER Newport IoW, Brading and Winchester City hotshot Alek Przespolewski has begun to make his mark on the Skrill Conference South.

Przespolewski was top scorer in the Sydenhams Premier Division for Newport last term, earning himself a summer move to Lee Bradbury's Havant & Waterlooville.

And, having scored a cracker in Hawks' Hampshire FA Senior Cup win at Hartley Wintney, he didn't disappoint when he was rewarded with a league start last Saturday against Basingstoke Town at Westleigh Park.

It took the versatile full-back/striker just 15 minutes to find the net.

Basingstoke's Matt Partridge gave the ball away in midfield and Perry Ryan was allowed to run 40 yards and fire off a shot unchallenged.

Visiting 'keeper Louis Wells made the save, but failed to push the ball to safety. Dennis Oli capitalised with a clever back-heel, allowing Przespolewski to fire home from close range.

Hawks went on to win the game 4-1 with added goals from Scott Jones, Nic Ciardini and Oli in front of a bumper 956 crowd.

Afterwards Bradbury said of Przespolewski: "I was not only pleased with his goal, but also with his overall contribution to the performance."

"When we work hard and match opponents physically, we can be a good footballing team. The team deserve a big pat on the back for the way they played."

Bradbury's mood was in stark contrast to that of his opposite number, Basingstoke's Jason Bristow, who said sorry to the travelling fans from north Hampshire.

Branding Stoke's performance "unacceptable", he confessed: "I would like to apologise to everyone who turned up and watched."

"It's not what we are about as people or as a team and I cannot defend it."

With Boreham Wood due to visit the Camrose Ground today, Bristow said he would be making changes "whether in terms of football or personnel" as a result of the Havant humbling.

"We have players on the bench waiting for a chance and I think it's time they got that chance," he said.

Excluding the Hampshire FA Senior Cup win against US Portsmouth, Town's defeat at Havant was their fourth loss in a row.

Bristow insists the club is not in crisis but, with the Boreham Wood game followed by a trip to struggling Dorchester Town next Saturday (October 26), he admits results are needed.

"It's not a crisis yet, but it's getting to the point where results need to turn," he said.



## Bentley hits a hat-trick for Magpies

WARREN Bentley bagged a second half hat-trick as Alresford Town eased past plucky Hythe & Dibden and into the FA Carlsberg Vase second round at Arlebury Park.

But it was Alresford's Steve Hall who broke the deadlock with a well taken 29th minute goal.

Hall picked up a flick-on from a free kick by Luke Dempsey and cut in to rifle a shot into the far corner.

Bentley went close with a neat shot on the turn soon

after, but minutes before half time Alresford had an escape when Simon De'Ath sent a shot onto the bar.

Five minutes into the second half Alresford doubled their lead as the Watersiders tried to play the offside trap.

Mott knocked the ball down for Bentley to score.

Hythe & Dibden wasted a great opportunity of getting back into the tie midway through the second half when De'Ath broke the offside trap, but his angled shot was turned around the post by

goalkeeper Jason Collins.

The last eight minutes produced a flurry of goals with Mark Lilley cutting the gap for Hythe after a knock on by De'Ath.

But Hythe's joy was short lived as Joe Wright laid on a low ball from the left for Bentley to make it 3-1.

The Alresford striker completed his hat-trick in injury time - Scott Hills bursting through and being denied by the sprawling Peters, only for the ball to run lose for Bentley to tap home from a foot out.

## Eastleigh edge past Staines

EASTLEIGH consolidated their position at the top of the table with a 1-0 win over Staines.

Eastleigh brought back Yemi Odubade into the starting line-up with Damian Batt dropping to the bench.

Early on Jai Reason hit the side-netting while at the other end Louie Theophanous, the league's leading scorer, shot wide at the second attempt.

Eastleigh got the all important goal in the 13th minute when Jai Reason rose up high to head home a cross from the right by Stuart Fleetwood. Eastleigh then played

some good football and Fleetwood three times came close to scoring a second.

Staines played the ball well out of defence at times but seldom troubled Flitney in the Eastleigh goal.

Early in the second half Odubade had a shot blocked by the goalkeeper's legs and Fleetwood had a shot blocked.

Eastleigh had other chances to score a second goal but were unable to add to their tally.

But in the end it was another valuable three points for Eastleigh as they bounced back from two defeats.



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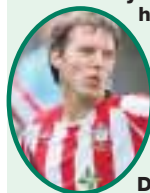
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### Hartley make Cup history

**EX-SAINT** Sam Argent helped north Hampshire club Hartley Wintney create club history on Monday night by reaching the FA Cup fourth qualifying round.

On a dramatic night in Somerset, the village side fought back from 2-0 and 3-1 down against Southern League Clevedon Town, who had dumped out Sholing 2-0 in the previous round.

And it was former St Mary's lad Argent, pictured below, who netted the injury-time penalty which clinched Hartley Wintney a dramatic 4-3 victory in the third qualifying round replay having earlier scored another from the spot.



The Combined Counties League club's reward is a home tie against Daventry Town of the Calor Southern One Central next Saturday.

Wintney's success did not go unnoticed by Jason Bristow, manager of Skril Conference South neighbours Basingstoke Town, who said: "I must congratulate Ben Dillon and his Hartley Wintney squad on their fantastic achievement.

"Ben is doing a fantastic job and I wish them well in the next round as they aim to reach the first round proper."

### 'Stoke snap up a striker

**BASINGSTOKE** Town have brought in one new player and sent another out on loan.

Manager Jason Bristow has signed striker Ryan Debattista, a former Maidenhead United youngster recently released by Barnet.

Defender Ross Adams, meanwhile, has temporarily left the Skril Conference South club to spend a month on loan with his former club, Chippenham Town, in the Calor Southern Premier Division.

Adams, 30, was previously skipper at Chippenham and left the Bluebirds to join Basingstoke in May 2010.

## Clayfields move peps Hythe

TEAM manager Lee Burch sees Hythe & Dibden's forthcoming move to Clayfields as "a massive step forward" for the Sydenhams One club.

"It's great news that the planning permission has been granted," he said.

"Clayfields has always been a really nice facility. I've lived around this area for years and remember as a kid going down to try and play there because it always

looked so nice.

"It's been used for Saturday and Sunday football for a long time, but, with its car park and clubhouse, it's one of those places you look at and think the potential of the site is huge.

"I drive past it to get to our current ground and it's in a really good location.

"Moving there is one of those things people have talked about for years.

"It's a site that Waterside clubs have long been trying to get into."

Burch has already kick-started Hythe's revival on the pitch by turning a bottom-of-the-table team into a side with top-six potential.

And better facilities will bring better players and the club should soon have the Sydenhams Premier Division firmly in their sights.

"At the moment when I speak to players I can sell them the club as far as the football side goes, but the

pitch at Jones Lane isn't great and that can be a factor when I'm trying to sign them," he said.

"To be able to sell them the new ground with all the facilities will be a big plus.

"Going to Clayfields is a massive step forward for the club on and off the field.

"Hopefully we can get hold of the new facility before the end of this season to give us some preparation time ready for next season."

# Eastleigh a soft touch says boss

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### NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

**OXFORD** City boss Mike Ford felt his side's FA Cup victory at Eastleigh last Saturday was thoroughly deserved.

With the Spitfires top of the Skril Conference South, Oxford – struggling near the foot of the Conference North with just one win in ten league outings – would have had good reason to fear a trip to Stoneham Lane.

But, despite letting an early two-goal lead slip as Jamie Collins and Stuart Fleetwood pulled the Spitfires back on terms with 40 minutes to play, Oxford hit back with a 77th-minute winner by ex-Wimbledon, Northampton and Oxford United centre-back Chris Willmott.

Praising his side for a performance brimming with "character, attitude and resilience", Ford said: "We got two goals very, very early.

"They got one back to give them a lifeline and then scored again within five minutes of the restart.

"Some teams might have crumbled at that point. They (Eastleigh) are a good side and you've got to be sensible in what you try and do.

"Normally when a team comes back from 2-0 down, they go on and win it. But we saw them off a bit, had a bit of the play and scored a goal from a set-piece."

In recent weeks Eastleigh boss Richard Hill has voiced his disappointment over what he perceives to be a lack of adventure from visiting sides. But Ford – a former teammate of Hill's at Oxford United – believes City broke that mould.

"We didn't get lucky. We had a



**LEVEL-HEADED:** Stuart Fleetwood celebrates scoring Eastleigh FA Cup equaliser against Oxford City.

plan to come here and attack," he insisted.

"I know their manager thought that most teams would come here and drop off and let them have it (possession). Forty minutes is a long time to try and hang onto a 2-2 and sometimes it goes against you, but I said at half-time that we'd got to dig deep, be resilient and go and get the result. I wouldn't say they followed me to the letter of the law, but they definitely rolled their sleeves up, dug in, saw them off and scored a good goal."

Oxford's reward for that victory is an away tie at Dover Athletic next Saturday in the fourth qualifying round. That leaves Eastleigh without a game as they were due to be visiting Dover in the league.

While Hill had gone into the tie urging his side to be more clinical in front of goal, he came out of it bemoaning "horrible" defending.

"We've gone from becoming a very good team that was a hard-working team and hard to break down to becoming a soft touch and that's happened in the space of

about three weeks," he lamented.

"We gave away three very poor goals today. We're not defending as a unit, we're defending as individuals and we've lost that 'over my dead body' attitude that was evident when we played Sutton and Bath.

"We've been beaten today by a team that's worked harder than we have and good luck to Oxford in the next round. If they (Oxford) played like that regularly they'd be top-six in their league, but they're another team that I would say don't play like that every week."

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DAVE COX

## Shaking up Waterside

HYTE & Dibden are making winning strides on the field these days.

But their biggest victory has been achieved off it with confirmation that planning permission has been approved for a move to the nearby Clayfields Sport Centre.

Although it's only about a mile down the road, Clayfields opens up a whole new world of independence for the Sydenhams Division One club who, until now, have cohabited with cricket at their Ewart Recreation Ground home in Jones Lane.

Welcoming the green light from New Forest District Council, Hythe & Dibden chairman Dave Cox said: "Moving to Clayfields is a really good thing for the future of our club."

"The new ground's all closed in and we'll have brand new floodlights that will stay in place – unlike the ones at Jones Lane which have to come down every year on one side, along with the handrails, ready for cricket to take over."

"With the youth section now on board we're all as one as a club. We've

got 17 teams here now with an academy for youngsters from seven to 18 and we need a ground to call our own."

"Jones Lane is outdated and us moving out will help the cricket club too because they've got loads of colts sides and, like us, they need space to breathe. It really is a good thing for the future of local sport and for the Hythe and Dibden parish in general."

Hythe's plan is to see out the rest of the current season at Jones Lane and be ready to kick off the 2014/15 campaign at their new home.

"There are two pitches at Clayfields, the changing rooms are okay and they've got a building there we can use and develop into a bar," said Cox.

"The problem up to now has been getting planning permission, but we've been working really hard in association with the parish council. Our former chairman Robbie Parsons is doing a great job as club development officer and, with Lee Burch (team manager) and his assistant Scott Johnston taking care of the playing and secretarial side, we're on the upwards march."

"We've had a couple of bad years at the bottom of Sydenhams One, but I can't knock what Lee and Scotty are doing. They're both very keen. It's the same with the youth section where we've got ex-player Phil Swainston as chairman and my son Terry Cox as vice-chairman."

Currently Clayfields is only used for Saturday/Sunday parks football and the place has been crying out for an established club like Hythe to make the most of the facilities.

"Clayfields is not being used to the potential it should be and that's why the parish council wanted us to get involved there," said Cox.

"We're taking one pitch over completely and when we're not playing at home, the other pitch can be used by other clubs locally and Jones Lane will also still be used for football."

Hythe have raised some money of their own to get the project under way and have applied to Sport England and the Football Foundation for funding.

"All the main facilities are already there and as soon as this season ends we'll get someone, probably (Sholing boss) Dave Diaper, along to do the floodlights and we'll get a firm in to do the fencing," said Cox.

"We won't be able to apply for funding for a bar, but we'll do that ourselves because the only way to make decent money is to have a little bar there."

"We get more money spent over the bar than we do through the turnstiles."

"With a bit of luck we should be in the new ground for next season and, hopefully, it will be the start of something big for Hythe."

"We've taken two steps backwards to go forwards and I really hope it will be a success because we've all worked so hard for this."

"We plan to overtake our neighbouring clubs on the Waterside, but we'll do it sensibly so it doesn't cost us stupid money."

## Hill's sadness at Hinckley demise

EASTLEIGH'S Richard Hill has spoken of his immense sadness over the demise of his former club Hinckley United.

The Silverlake Stadium boss was born in the Leicestershire market town and it was United's forerunners Hinckley Athletic that gave him his break into senior football, writes WENDY GEE.

Hill, now 50, went on to play nearly 200 professional games for Northampton, Watford and Oxford United and carve out a successful managerial career as No2 at Wycombe Wanderers, QPR, Aston Villa, Northampton, Gillingham and Tranmere Rovers.

But he will never forget that it was Hinckley where it all began.

"I'm absolutely gutted they've gone under," he said.

"That's where it all started for me."

"Back in the old days there was a rivalry in the town with two clubs – Hinckley Athletic

RICHARD HILL

and Hinckley Town.

"I trained with Athletic when I was 14 and made my debut for them as a 15-year-old. Eventually the two teams amalgamated and called themselves Hinckley United."

"They took on Town's league status, because Town were in the higher league, but Athletic were the better supported of the two clubs with crowds of 250-350."

"My dad, god bless him, used to watch them when he was alive."

The Knitters reached the end of the road earlier this month when they accepted a winding-up order at Birmingham's High Court with debts of over £200,000.

"I'm not a rich man, but when I go back home people in the town know me and I feel like I haven't done enough to help the club and now they're gone," said Hill.

"It makes you appreciate what



ON TARGET: Jamie Collins hits Eastleigh's first goal against Oxford.

we've got at Eastleigh.

"The people of Hinckley would be grateful just to have a team."

Hinckley's demise also hit home at Bashley, their rivals in the Calor Southern Premier Division.

The Foresters, who are cutting their budget to avoid sliding down the same slippery financial slope as the Midlanders, said: "This sobering news (about Hinckley) contrasts with the millions awash in the Premier League and its seeming

obsession with importing players and letting grassroots soccer wither."

"Jack Wilshere called for English players for England, but where will they come from in the future other than a well-heeled Premier League academy?"

"Hinckley, The Knitters, with a proud 144-year history, have just been wiped off the football map for owing less than the weekly wage of one top Premier League player."

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### Eight-goal morale boost

**BEMERTON Heath Harlequins' Wiltshire Senior Cup trip to Wroughton couldn't have come at a better time after five straight Sydenhams Premier defeats.**

**They boosted their confidence against the Wiltshire Premier outfit, racking up a 8-1 win.**

**With Graham Mankin and Danny Young scoring two apiece in the first half, the plan was to match it after the break.**

**"At half-time I gave them a target of eight," said manager Ian Chalk, below.**

**"Graham Mankin completed his hat-trick, Seb Dawes scored with a header and then Russell Jones scored two of the best goals you will see.**

**"He weaved in and out of seven players for the first one, then beat two or three before dummieing and chipping the goalkeeper.**

**Having rediscovered their goal touch, Bemerton kept it going on Tuesday with a sound 4-0 beating of Hamworthy United in the league.**



### Totton kids on the march

**AFC TOTTON are on the march again in the FA Youth Cup.**

**The young Stags will host Aldershot Town in the third qualifying round on Thursday (October 24, 7.45pm) having convincingly seen off Gillingham Town (6-0) and Abingdon Town (5-1).**

**It keeps up a great recent tradition by the Testwood Stadium under-18s who famously beat Exeter City 3-2 in the first round proper two years ago before being seen off 3-1 at Aldershot.**

**Last year they hit the headlines with an amazing 11-10 penalty shootout triumph away to AFC Bournemouth.**

**AFC Totton under-18s: Ryan Howarth, Ben Underwood, Jack Dawkins, Josh Chapman, Matt Hunt, Liam Hammond, Hassen Zahid, Brad Rowthorne, Josh Jellis, Matt Randell, Toby Chester, Zac Moulton, Ben Ninnim, Dillon Smith, Albert Egboh, Billy McFarland.**

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### United keep up good run

**WHITCHURCH United are loving life back in the Sydenhams Wessex top flight.**

Last season's Division One runners-up stretched their unbeaten run to five games in all competitions with a 2-1 league victory over Verwood Town at Longmeadow last Saturday.

Verwood led when Whitchurch 'keeper Tom Hindmarsh's throw was intercepted by Jack Lovell and he teed up Nathan Saxby for an excellent strike.

But a handball from Verwood's ex-AFC Totton defender Matt Oldring gave Whitchurch their chance to level – Luke Walker sending the 'keeper the wrong way from the spot.

Whitchurch scored the winner on the hour when James Tennant picked up a sloppy pass and crossed for fit-again Scott Hassell to head home.

That result spearheaded a perfect weekend for the north Hampshire club with all three senior sides victorious.

Whitchurch's under-21s triumphed over adult opposition in the Aldershot Sunday League Eric Holbrook Cup, while the unbeaten under-18s advanced into the Hampshire Cup third round with a hard-earned 2-1 win at Fareham.

### Brian takes over at Town

**FORMER Poole Town and Bournemouth Poppies boss Brian O'Donnell has been appointed manager of Calor Southern Premier outfit Frome Town.**

The 56-year-old, who had a spell as Dorchester Town caretaker boss in 2009, succeeds Derek Graham, sacked by Robins earlier this month.

A former AFC Bournemouth youth coach, O'Donnell holds a UEFA A coaching qualification. He featured for Cherries, Torquay United, Bath City and Salisbury City during his playing days and has been scouting for Middlesbrough manager Tony Mowbray.

Frome chairman Jeremy Alderman said: "We had a good level of applicants and it was a really tough decision but, in the end, Brian ticked all the right boxes we were looking for and came across really well in the interview."

# Lack of funding is proving

WITH just two wins from their first 12 Sydenhams Premier Division outings, it's been a tough start to the season for Verwood Town.

And, in a week when Potters' boss Adie Arnold has spoken openly about the need for a playing budget at Potterne Park, coach Andy Darnton believes the lack of an experienced frontman is costing the club points.

"We've had a difficult month with a few indifferent results and now we find ourselves down towards the wrong end of the table," said the Southampton-based former Bashley defender.

"But it's been difficult because we've got a much younger strike force than we've had in the past and we're lacking a bit of physical presence up front.

"We've lost Mike Haskell, who's fallen out of love with football and is having a break, and Jack Satterley has gone to better himself with Bashley (in the Calor Southern League) and we wouldn't stand in his way. The two lads we've got up top now are Dan Munday, who's 16, and Jack Lovell – son of Jason – who's 18.

"We've had a seven-day notice of approach for

Dan from Dorchester Town, but he's not ready for the Southern League yet, let alone the Conference South."

While both youngsters show promise, Darnton has been around the game long enough to know that an injection of experience would bring the best out of Town's young guns and the side.

"You look around the league and you've got Steve Hutchings at Moneyfields and Jamie Musselwhite at Portchester who are strong lads who make a difference to them," he said. "We're lacking that bit of physical presence, but it's not

# Thomson moves on



**LEE WORT:** His goal-scoring talent was one of the reasons Thomson found it difficult to break into the Sholing team.

### FAREHAM Town's hot pursuit of Sholing striker James Thomson has finally come to fruition.

Several weeks after Sholing boss Dave Diaper revealed Fareham's interest in the 26-year-old frontman, Thomson has finally signed Sydenhams Premier forms at Cams Alders.

Despite scoring goals galore for the Boatmen's all-conquering reserve side, Thomson never quite managed to establish himself as a first-team regular at Portsmouth Road.

And, though he has been in and around the first-team picture at the Silverlake Arena this term, he has found himself behind big guns Lee Wort, Barry Mason, Ashley Jarvis and James Taylor in the Sholing pecking order.

Thomson's Fareham debut will be

delayed by a suspension hanging over from his Sholing days, but Cams Alders boss Matt Parr is thrilled to have him on board.

"I've been a big admirer of James for a long time," he said.

"I've seen him on several occasions this season when we haven't played and believe he will prove to be a big success, both on and off the pitch.

"A proven scorer at Sholing, James will add something to our game and delight the fans."

Wishing Thomson all the best at Fareham, Diaper said: "I've known James since he was a 16-year-old and he had massive potential then. But he drifted off a bit and played Sunday football and stuff.

"He was reluctant to leave Sholing, but he was getting a bit frustrated because he couldn't get into the starting eleven.

"He got himself sent off against Moneyfields and I felt that if he was getting that frustrated at not being able to play every week, it might be best to move.

"Matt Parr's a good manager and I hope the move pays off for James."

Fareham could have done with some of Thomson's sharpness in front of goal for last Saturday's trip to Sydenhams Premier champions Blackfield & Langley.

Town lost 2-0 to strikes by Craig Feeney and Kev Gibbins, but Parr said: "Until they scored their sucker-punch goals, we dominated.

"Our problem was not being able to put the ball in the net."

Town's fortunes changed dramatically at Alresford Town on Tuesday, however, when they came away handsome 4-1 victors, ending the Magpies' red-hot sequence of ten wins and two draws from their

last 12 games. Alresford – named Sydenhams Premier club-of-the-month for September – would have gone top of the table had they won.

Home defeats are a rarity these days for the Magpies, but their co-manager Danny Robinson was honest enough to admit they had lost to the better side on the night.

"Compliments to Matt Parr and his Fareham team. They were very good tonight and will more than likely finish top eight."

After Graham Lindsey had levelled for Fareham, the visitors pushed on for victory through Ash Tattersall, Pete Murphy – with a great solo effort – and Wayne Boud.

"It was a very good performance from our lads once we'd settled into it," said Parr. "We don't have a budget, but we keep finding new players and we got the result our performances have deserved."

# Pyatt IS new Bash co-boss

BASHLEY have confirmed that former Brockenhurst boss and director of football John Pyatt has been appointed co-manager of the Calor Southern Premier basement boys alongside Paul Gazzard.

There was confusion last weekend when Brock announced that Pyatt was leaving to join their New Forest neighbours. But it appeared that the arrangement had been struck with Bash co-manager Paul Gazzard and that Bashley themselves knew nothing about it. But the situation was ironed out during the week.

"After an amicable and constructive meeting between Bashley's chairman Mike Cranidge and John Pyatt, plus the agreement of Bashley's executive committee, John has joined the club as joint manager with Paul Gazzard and is meeting the players and management team shortly," said a statement. "We are

delighted that John's extensive knowledge and experience is being added to our on-field management team and wish him a long, happy and successful stay at the club."

When he left Brock, Pyatt was up

front and told Badgers boss Pat McManus that he would be sounding out five of the Wessex club's players about a possible move to Bash. Warren Kenna and Harry Jeffries quickly confirmed they would be

games since promotion from the Calor Southern Premier.

Sills only joined Bashley during the summer following his release from Basingstoke.

His departure followed an announcement by the New Forest club that they would be significantly cutting their wage bill.

A Bash statement revealed: "The choice is very simple – either we keep income and expenditure in balance or we may have to face the very real problems that have caused budget reductions at Dorchester and blighted Truro, Kettering and, most recently, Hinckley."

**EXPERIENCED** striker Tim Sills left Bashley this week to sign a two-and-a-half deal with struggling Skril Conference South outfit Gosport Borough.

The 34-year-old former Basingstoke Town, Aldershot and Torquay United targetman takes a wealth of experience to Privett Park, having made over 550 appearances and scored more than 200 goals in a career stretching back to 1997.

Gosport boss Alex Pike hopes Sills will significantly boost a Borough strike force who, prior to today's trip to Ebbsfleet, had managed just six goals in nine league

staying put at Grigg Lane, but McManus was steeling himself for at least one Brock player – centre-back Dave Marden – to go.

He said: "It's a spanner in the works for us if we do lose players but, hopefully, John leaving won't have as big an impact as we first thought. If it does, we'll just have to clean up the mess and go again."

"John's a friend of mine first and foremost and he was a bit of a character to have about the place, but he had no input into team selection and didn't come to training sessions."

Bashley's Red Insure Cup tie with Weymouth fell foul of a floodlight failure on Wednesday and has been rearranged for this Tuesday (October 22, 7.45pm).

Brockenhurst (Brad Magookin) were dumped out of the Sydenhams League Cup 2-1 after extra time by lower league Petersfield Town.



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## a bit costly for Verwood

for want of trying on our part.

"This league breaks into three tiers with the top six or seven clubs all paying, the middle tier providing travelling expenses and the third tier - which I would class us in - with no budget.

"We're also caught some distance away from two catchment areas - Bournemouth and Southampton - which makes it difficult to get lads in even though the facilities are good.

"We're lacking that bit of experience to see games out when we're 1-0 up and also that cutting edge from the strikers to relieve the pres-

sure by scoring goals."

Underlining what Verwood are up against, manager Arnold said: "We need to be more of a threat in the final third and we are looking to lads with Wessex League experience to add that bit extra. At this time of year players start moving around, but everyone wants a bit of money.

"Some want silly money while others want expenses, but when you have nothing to work with, it is difficult to get the right players in.

"If we want to get into that middle bracket, we have to find a way of helping the players a little

bit. I know there is a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes and we are not without a budget for want of trying. But it is holding us back a little bit and some funds would be handy."

Verwood's latest reverse came at Whitchurch United on Saturday where, despite leading through Nathan Saxby, they were beaten 2-1.

The club had hoped to have ex-Romsey Town defender Jamie Thoroughgood more regularly available after some time abroad perusing his medical studies. But he is turning out for Chipstead in Ryman Division One South.

## Ryan express never stops

**SHOULD player cloning ever become reality, Folland Sports boss Danny Bowers would get the genetic engineers to produce more Ryan Longs.**

The former Romsey Town and Gosport Borough striker brightened up an otherwise dull afternoon at Fawley AFC last Saturday by netting a superbly taken hat-trick in Follands' 3-1 Sydenhams Premier win.

And, according to Bowers, the goals were just reward for a player who regularly runs himself into the ground on the club's behalf.

"If we had 11 Ryan Longs we would win the league hands down," said the Follands boss.

"No one works harder than him.

"Ryan will chase anything. He never stops. I don't know where he gets his energy from.

"There's not one game where he hasn't given 100 per cent.

"Ryan's as honest as the day is long and he does enough running for the rest of the team on his own.

"As soon as he gets on the pitch he just runs and runs and never stops shutting people down."

When Follands fell behind to an early Matt Vining goal at Fawley, Bowers feared that the lethargy he had detected in his side's pre-match warm-up had set in for the entire afternoon.

He wasn't wrong but, despite admitting afterwards that it was "the worst I've seen us play", Long's three classy finishes proved the difference between the sides.

"All three goals from Ryan were quality," said Bowers.

"For the first one Jamie Barron's threaded the ball through the eye of a needle and Ryan's pretended to shoot, the keeper's gone down and he's chipped it over him.

"For the second, the keeper's come for a long ball and Ryan's lobbed it

over him from yards. And, for the third, the ball's been switched across and he's volleyed one in from 25 yards.

"Fawley were poor on the day and so were we, but Ryan Long was the difference between the sides. His hat-trick and the three points were the only positive things to come out of the game."

Since making his name under Glenn Burnett's charge at Romsey Town, Long has drifted a bit over the last few seasons with stops at Gosport, Blackfield & Langley and Verwood Town.

The key to his current good form, according to Bowers, is that he has finally found a club where he can settle.

"When Ryan signed for us during the summer he said he wanted to stay somewhere for a year and enjoy himself," said Bowers.

"I was told by people who know Ryan well that I would have to make him want to come here and I think we've done that. He's playing regularly and enjoying himself."

Going into the Fawley game, it had been 16-year-old targetman Jamie Betteridge making all the headlines for Follands with six goals in just four senior appearances.

But last Saturday was a game too far for the shattered youngster, who had simply crammed too much football into a hectic week.

"Jamie had played Saturday and Tuesday for us and on Wednesday he played for his college team and took a knock on the bottom of his foot," Bowers explained.

"Come Saturday he had nothing left in the tank and we took him off just after half-time.

"He'd played four games in eight days and just couldn't do it. He had no legs left."

It was another young scoring sensation, Moneyfields' Jake Raine, who turfed Follands out of the Sydenhams League Cup on Tuesday night.

Raine bagged both goals in Moneys' 2-0 third round win at Follands Park.

**RYAN LONG:**  
Scored a hat-trick in a superb performance for Follands at Fawley.

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### Lions' chip off the old block

**ANDOVER Lions hit local rivals Broughton for six in the Hampshire Premier League Division One last weekend with an impressive debut from a new player with a familiar name.**

Seventeen-year-old Reece Rusher, son of former Andover favourite Vinnie, made his first appearance for his hometown club in Lions' 6-2 victory, writes Kerry Miller.

And, like his dad, he knows how to find the back of the net. Vinnie Rusher, pictured, scored 179 goals for Andover.

It took his son just six minutes to notch his first goal when he ran onto a perfectly weighted pass from Ryan Steele and drilled the ball confidently past the Broughton keeper.

A minute later Lions increased their lead when Brad Craney burst through to notch his third of the season.

Broughton hit back to level 2-2 before young Rusher turned goal provider for skipper John Robb to nod Andover back in front.

Rusher almost scored again but his 25-yard effort was tipped behind and a minute later his free-kick was headed wide by Robb.

Casson Spencer provided the fourth with an audacious flick and, within two minutes, had added a fifth when Craney chased Darren Paris's long pass and was dragged back, conceding a penalty.

Dan Reynolds scored for the sixth consecutive match, showing great strength to get onto a Rusher pass to round off a good afternoon for the Lions.

Boss Ray Cozze was delighted to have picked up three points in what had looked a difficult fixture.

He said: "Reece Rusher had an excellent first game for us - I have a few good youngsters here and I'm not afraid to play them.

"Dan Reynolds is now joint top scorer in Division One and we are a getting some consistency going and can improve as we have some tough games coming up."





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**Ross is the boss**  
GOALKEEPER Ross Flitney has been voted Eastleigh's player-of-the-month for September by The Spitfires Supporters' Club.

The former Barnet and Gillingham stopper, pictured below, featured in five straight league and cup wins during a bumper month for the Spitfires, conceding just two goals.

Flitney was presented with his award by TSSC's Nick Colville before last Saturday's FA Cup tie against Oxford City – his 48th game for the club since signing from Gillingham last October. Runner-up for the September award was skipper Glen Southam, followed by left-back Michael Green in third.



**Steve on the move**  
FORMER Poole Town hotshot Steve Smith has left Wimborne Town to join Toolstation Western Premier high-fliers Gillingham Town. The 25-year-old, pictured below, was a prolific scorer for Poole, often off the subs' bench, hitting 137 goals in 221 appearances for the Dolphins. Based in Blandford, he had recently returned to

Wimborne from a loan spell at Bridport, but had mainly spent his time on the Cuthbury bench.

His last appearance in Wimborne colours was as a second-half substitute during the 8-1 trouncing of Guildford City in the Calor Southern One South & West.

"Steve's a quality player, but recently he had found it difficult to find game-time with us," said Magpies boss Steve Cuss. "We wish him all the best of luck at Gillingham."

**'Church sign two**  
CHRISTCHURCH have added two new names to their Sydenhams Premier ranks.

Mark Jamison – a Verwood Town player between 2009 and 2011 – has signed on at the Priory, as has midfielder Jake Landers from fellow Wessex top flight club Brockenhurst.

# CUP DRAW SO TOUGH ON POOLE

## Fortress Staines awaits

**BOSS** Tom Killick admitted the FA Cup gods had not smiled on Poole Town after they were drawn away to Staines Town in the fourth qualifying round.

The Dolphins will travel to Wheatshaf Lane to face a Conference South outfit who sport a perfect home record in the league this season.

The Swans, who were due to visit Eastleigh in the league today, are managed by former Brentford, Wimbledon and Watford star Marcus Gayle.

They have already beaten lower division opposition in Aylesbury United and Sittingbourne to reach this stage and have a proud Cup heritage in recent seasons.

Staines hit the headlines after beating Shrewsbury Town, then of League Two, in 2009, before taking a Millwall side bound for promotion to the Championship to a replay in the second round proper.

But, despite the less than favourable draw, Killick, pictured above, feels his men could benefit from losing the burden of expectation as they seek a place in the first round proper for the first time in 30 years.

"It's not ideal because Staines are well placed in a higher division and have won five out of five at home," said the Dolphins boss.

"They have a good cup pedi-

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gree and that will make for an expectant atmosphere at their place.

"But, for the first time this season, we will be underdogs and that can have a positive impact.

"With reduced expectations, the lads can play with more freedom and, while our chances look slim, that might work in our favour."

Killick was rightly proud of his Poole side following last Saturday's 2-0 third qualifying round victory over Hungerford, hailing it "one of the best performances" of his Tatnam tenure.

The Dolphins defied the first-half dismissal of Dan Cann for two bookable offences to cruise through with goals from ex-AFC Totton winger Jon Davies and man-of-the-match Marvin Brooks.

Killick felt Cann was hard done by with his first booking, but said: "I don't want to dwell on that too much. It was all about the remaining ten players and how they performed.

"I am the first to criticise the team when they don't reach the levels we expect of them, but I couldn't find fault with that display. It was a monumental effort which filled me with immense pride and was one of the best performances since I've been here."



ON THE BALL: Poole's Marvin Brooks in action in the win over Hungerford.

## Cann slams Tatnam boo boys



DAN CANN

POOLE Town skipper Dan Cann has vowed to defy the Poole Town boo boys after claiming some Tatnam fans called for him to be sent off last Saturday.

The 27-year-old striker, appointed captain following Michael Walker's summer departure, was dismissed for two yellow cards during the Dolphins' 2-0 FA Cup success over Hungerford Town.

Despite recently passing 200 appearances for the Dorset outfit, Cann has struggled to engender support from certain sections of the crowd and couldn't believe his ears when some of Poole's own fans were calling for his dismissal.

"I have always been a thick-skinned person who could take criticism and I realise I'm not everyone's cup of tea," he said.

"But when I heard our own supporters telling the referee to send me off, I was quite demoralised to be honest.

"Thankfully it's just two or three individuals around the club who behave like that. Everyone else gets fully behind me and the team – the fans at Poole are fantastic.

"I would not leave the club over a small number of fans who don't really like me.

"I've got really good people around me who back me all the way, which is the most important thing."

## Sorry, son, but I'm taking you off!

BOURNEMOUTH Poppies boss Ken Vaughan hauled off his own son during an embarrassing 4-1 Sydenhams Premier Division loss at Lymington Town last Saturday.

It was like a scene from the Keystone Cops as a comedy of unforced errors saw Poppies goalkeeper Kenny Vaughan junior and defender Gareth Batchelor gift Lymington a 2-0 lead inside the opening 13 minutes.

Lee New pounced for the opener after Vaughan had spilled a routine Ed Stacey strike before James Davis seized on Batchelor's suicidal headed back pass to double Lymington's lead.

Vaughan was again betrayed by his own handling on 55 minutes as Steve Allen's shot squirmed through his grasp.

It allowed ex-Winchester City and Alresford man Davis to add a third.

Enough was enough for Vaughan's manager and father, who unceremoniously hauled off his son and replaced him with Jamie Bray.

Davis completed his hat-trick in the closing states before Poppies' Martin Warren netted the goal of the game.

But Warren's strike was scant consolation for a club on course to surrender without a fight the only unbroken stay in the Wessex

top flight since its inception in 1986.

● Poppies are hosting an evening with David Armstrong on Friday, November 15.

The former Saints, Bournemouth and Middlesbrough player will talk about his life and times in football – followed by a question and answer session.

Tickets, priced £10, are available from the club or by calling 07796 231024.



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## World record – it's official

BROCKENHURST'S marathon penalty shootout with Andover Town last week has been confirmed as a world record.

Neither side managed to conjure up a goal in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup second round tie at Grigg Lane.

But, when it came to the shootout, the two sets of players simply couldn't stop scoring, netting 29 times in a row to write their names into the global record books.

Brock netted 15 without missing, while Andover buried their first 14 attempts before Claudio Herbert's effort was pushed onto the post by

Brock 'keeper Scott O'Rourke.

With the help of the FA, Sydenhams Wessex League competition secretary John Gorman has been delving through the records and discovered that the world's longest penalty shootout in a first-class match ended 20-19 between Argeninos Juniors and Racing Club in the 1988 Argentine Championships. But, on that occasion, five kicks were missed.

Genderbirliqi versus Galatasaray in Turkey finished 17-19 with one kick missed, but the most penalties needed to settle an adult match was 44 in a Norfolk Primary Cup tie in 2000,

though five were missed.

Prior to last week the highest number of consecutive spot kicks scored in a shootout was 27 when Dagenham & Redbridge beat Leyton Orient in the 2011 Johnstone's Paint Trophy – a record now eclipsed by the two Sydenhams Wessex League sides.

Asked if Brock practise penalties in training, victorious boss Pat McManus smiled: "No – and we've missed three already this season so I wasn't over-confident going into the shootout. But penalties shouldn't be a problem any more. Now that we're world record holders, I'll be spoilt for

choice for who takes them!"

By the time the 12-yard duel between Brock and Andover was over, it was almost 10.45pm at Grigg Lane.

But spare a thought for the youngsters involved in the Derby Community League Under-10 Cup between Mickleover Lightning Blue Sox and Chellaston Boys 'B'.

Between them they took 66 penalties and the exhausted youngsters only managed to score three of them with Mickleover winning 2-1. Why they stopped at 66 is unclear, although it's possible they were well past their bedtime by then!

## Whites are 'warriors'

**LAST season's first-team skipper Brian Dutton believes showing "professionalism" will play a part in regaining a spot in the heart of Salisbury City's defence.**

Dutton, who has made just two starts out of 15 games in the Skrill Conference Premier this term, was left smiling after helping Whites keep a clean sheet during the 1-0 home win over Grimsby Town last Saturday.

Ex-Eastleigh man Dutton, who has been troubled by injury and faces stiff defensive competition at Old Sarum, is a centre-half by trade but was happy to fill in at right-back.

He said: "I played okay, but it was a difficult game to come back into.

"It was always going to be a tough, 50/50 game, which is what it turned out to be.

"Grimsby pushed on, but we managed to hang on for three points.

"As a defender what you are looking to do is come in and keep a clean sheet – and we managed to do that."

Dan Fitchett's 48th-minute strike proved the difference between the teams and, when Grimsby threatened an equaliser, Theo Lewis threw his body in the way to block on the line.

It prompted manager Mike Harris to describe his side as "absolute warriors" and praise their "fantastic" attitude,

work-rate and desire to win matches."

Dutton agreed: "Mikey Harris has got a great squad and it's going to be a long season, but everyone will play a part.

"If you are not in the starting eleven, you can't get too disheartened.

"You have to show your professionalism, get your head down and get back into the first team. But that applies to all the boys."

Salisbury soared to fourth on the back of that Grimsby win, but the level-headed Harris wants to keep City's feet planted firmly on the ground.

"It's still too early to look at

the league," he said.

"We are 15 games in and we need to keep going game by game.

"There's no point getting carried away just because we've had a couple of good results.

"As I keep telling the players, consistency is over the course of a season, not based on three or four games.

"We've got a well-rounded group of players and we do make a big point of saying that every game is a different project and we look at each game individually.

"There's always a kick in the teeth round the corner, so we are not going to get ahead of ourselves."



**DELIGHT:** Brian Dutton scores against Waterlooville in April.

## Town stay on budget

**CHAIRMAN Paul Miller has rebuffed speculation about budget cuts at Calor Southern One South & West club Wimborne Town.**

The Cuthbury chief says the fixed annual playing budget at Cuthbury has not changed, but suggested team boss Steve Cuss could crunch the numbers to keep spending on track and loosen the purse strings for a potential assault on the transfer market.

Miller confirmed that his manager had control over players' wages within the confines of the resources set for the season.

But he rubbished talk of non-contract players taking significant cuts to their weekly earnings following Wimborne's

first-stage exits from the FA Cup and Trophy.

"I think Steve is trying to generate some funds in his budget to look at other players and there may be some realignment going on, but I don't regard that as a budget cut," he stated.

"The amount we have made available has remained unchanged. What we did do was front-load it a little bit and Steve decided to spend more in the early part of the season."

Miller accepted that, based on current expenditure, Cuss would exceed his budget without the realignment, but reiterated that this did not constitute a cutback – "in any way, shape or form."

Former AFC Bournemouth midfielder Aidan Sainsbury has returned to Wimborne after briefly joining Newport IOW following his departure from Blackfield & Langley.

Sainsbury's arrival helped lift the mood after the Magpies had drawn 1-1 at Poole Town in the Red Insure Cup on Wednesday only to lose 5-4 on penalties.

Warren Byerley levelled for Poole after Jamie Davidson had put Wimborne ahead, but it was Billy Maybury who suffered the agony of having his spot kick saved in the shootout.

"Penalties are always a lottery and it's very disappointing to go out that way," said Cuss.

## Non-league News

**Callum switches Towns**  
**CALLUM Coker has left Sydenhams One side Petersfield Town to return to Wiltshire.**

Coker, pictured, who left top-flight outfit Downton to rejoin Petersfield only a matter of weeks ago, has now switched camps to Amesbury Town.

His departure did not unduly trouble

Petersfield who romped to a 6-0 win over Stockbridge at Love Lane last Saturday.

Dangerman Mike Asare scored a hat-trick, taking him to 11 goals for the season, and there were singles from Will Essay, Robbie Tambling and new signing Andy Todd from divisional rivals US Portsmouth.



**Lighting touchpaper**  
**AFC TOTTON can promise fireworks at their Testwood Stadium headquarters on Friday, November 8 (7pm 'til late).**

The Southern Premier club are hosting an explosive 'Fireworks Stag-tacular' and live music by the All New Jersey Boys at their Salisbury Road home.

Tickets for the event, supported by Vision Accendo and sponsored by Stealth Fireworks, are £5 for over-12s and £3 for under-12s. There will be hot food available.

**Questions at United**  
**SYDENHAMS One outfit Hayling United are hosting a quiz night at Hayling Island Community Centre on Friday, November 22 (7.30pm).**

Tickets are £8.50 per person inclusive of a meal.

Teams must consist of no more than eight people and need to submit a team name to Tania Jones via email to [tania@hicca.co.uk](mailto:tania@hicca.co.uk)

**Quiz not all soccer**  
**VERWOOD Town will hold their annual quiz night at the 'Hideaway' in Verwood on Friday, November 8 (7.30pm).**

The quiz is approximately 50 per cent sports/football-themed. Entry is £5 per person with teams up to a maximum of six. Further details will be announced through the Sydenhams Premier club's official website at [vtfc.co.uk](http://vtfc.co.uk).

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### First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	42	23	11	8	62	33	57
Manchester City	42	21	14	7	60	34	56
Ipswich Town	42	22	8	12	66	39	52
Aston Villa	42	22	7	13	76	50	51
Newcastle United	42	18	13	11	64	49	49
Manchester United	42	18	11	13	71	62	47
WBA	42	16	13	13	62	56	45
Arsenal	42	16	11	15	64	59	43
Everton	42	14	14	14	62	64	42
Leeds United	42	15	12	15	48	51	42
Leicester City	42	12	18	12	47	60	42
Middlesbrough	42	14	13	15	40	45	41
Birmingham City	42	13	12	17	63	61	38
QPR	42	13	12	17	47	52	38
Derby County	42	9	19	14	50	55	37
Norwich City	42	14	9	19	47	64	37
West Ham United	42	11	14	17	46	65	36
Bristol City	42	11	13	18	38	48	35
Coventry City	42	10	15	17	48	59	35

### Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	42	22	13	7	84	45	57
Chelsea	42	21	13	8	73	53	55
Nottingham Forest	42	21	10	11	77	43	52
Bolton Wanderers	42	20	11	11	75	54	51
Blackpool	42	17	17	8	58	42	51
Luton Town	42	21	6	15	67	48	48
Charlton Athletic	42	16	16	10	71	58	48
Notts County	42	19	10	13	65	60	48
Southampton	42	17	10	15	72	67	44
Millwall	42	15	13	14	57	53	43
Sheffield United	42	14	12	16	54	63	40
Blackburn Rovers	42	15	9	18	42	54	39
Oldham Athletic	42	14	10	18	52	64	38
Hull City	42	10	17	15	45	53	37
Bristol Rovers	42	12	13	17	53	68	37
Burnley	42	11	14	17	46	64	36
Fulham	42	11	13	18	54	61	35
Cardiff City	42	12	10	20	56	67	34
Orient	42	9	16	17	37	55	34
Carlisle United	42	11	12	19	49	75	34
Plymouth Argyle	42	8	16	18	46	65	32
Hereford United	42	8	15	19	57	78	31

### Third Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mansfield Town	46	28	8	10	78	42	64
Brighton	46	25	11	10	83	40	61
Crystal Palace	46	23	13	10	68	40	59
Rotherham United	46	22	15	9	69	44	59
Wrexham	46	24	10	12	80	54	58
Preston North End	46	21	12	13	64	43	54
Bury	46	23	8	15	64	59	54
Sheffield Wed	46	22	9	15	65	53	53
Lincoln City	46	19	14	13	77	70	52
Shrewsbury Town	46	18	11	17	65	59	47
Swindon Town	46	15	15	16	68	75	45
Gillingham	46	16	12	18	55	64	44
Chesham	46	18	8	20	48	58	44
Tranmere Rovers	46	13	17	16	51	53	43
Walsall	46	13	15	18	57	65	41
Peterborough	46	13	15	18	55	65	41
Oxford United	46	12	15	19	55	65	39
Chesham	46	14	10	22	56	64	38
Port Vale	46	11	16	19	47	71	38
Portsmouth	46	11	14	21	53	70	36
Reading	46	13	9	24	49	73	35
Northampton Town	46	13	8	25	60	75	34
Grimsby Town	46	12	9	25	45	69	33
York City	46	10	12	24	50	89	32

### Fourth Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge United	46	26	13	7	87	40	65
Exeter City	46	25	12	9	70	46	62
Colchester United	46	25	9	12	77	43	59
Bradford City	46	23	13	10	78	51	59
Swansea City	46	25	8	13	92	68	58
Barnsley	46	23	9	14	62	39	55
Watford	46	18	15	13	67	50	51
Doncaster Rovers	46	21	9	16	71	65	51
Huddersfield Town	46	19	12	15	60	49	50
Southend United	46	15	19	12	52	45	49
Darlington	46	18	13	15	59	64	49
Crewe Alexandra	46	19	11	16	47	60	49
Bournemouth	46	15	18	13	54	44	48
Stockport County	46	13	19	14	53	57	45
Brentford	46	18	7	21	77	76	43
Torquay United	46	17	9	20	59	67	43
Aldershot	46	16	11	19	49	59	43
Rochdale	46	13	12	21	50	59	38
Newport County	46	14	10	22	42	58	38
Southport United	46	13	11	22	49	73	37
Halifax Town	46	11	14	21	47	58	36
Halifax Town	46	10	12	24	47	73	32
Hartlepool	46	3	19	24	33	77	25
Southport	46	4	11	31	41	102	19

# 1976/1977 FLASHBACK -- 1976/1977 FLASHBACK -- A ROLLER COASTER

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### SPORTS EDITOR

**It was a season which started with Saints taking part in a showpiece occasion at Wembley, the Charity Shield.**

The same Saints that slumped to the foot of the old Second Division just weeks later.

It was a season which saw Lawrie McMenemy's FA Cup winners progress to the quarter finals of the now-disbanded European Cup Winners Cup, as well as playing in the Anglo Italian Cup.

It was a season which saw Liverpool go close to the treble - having won the First Division title and lifted the European Cup for the first time, only a 2-1 FA Cup final loss to Manchester United denied them a place in the history books.

It was a season when Tottenham were relegated from the top flight, and Portsmouth attracted over 32,000 to Fratton Park for a Third Division fixture.

Closer to home, Gosport Borough won the Hampshire League's top flight while Saints' A team won the Second Division title.

Welcome to 1976/77.

The Sports Pink is this week taking a special look back at that season, both locally, nationally and internationally.

At The Dell, Saints might have failed to challenge for promotion back to the old First Division.

As FA Cup winners, they started the season as one of the favourites but soon plummeted to the foot of the second tier.

Though they recovered, Saints only entered the top ten for the first time in April.

But McMenemy had sown the seeds of what was to be a promotion-winning campaign 12 months later.

He knew that as well.

Writing in the programme for Saints' final home game of 1976/77, against Blackburn, he said: "Our regular supporters will have noticed that the Cup final ream has been very much broken up in a short space of time.

"I knew from the outset that I had to be quite ruthless, because although the team was good enough to win the Cup, in the two years preceding the final we had not been good enough to get promotion.

"This year I have been re-organising and trying to get the right blend and I think it is nearly there.

"Certainly the feeling in the dressing room is that we could once again be on the threshold of something big.

"It has obviously been sad for me to see a lot of players go this season, namely Paul Bennett, Mike Berry, John Crabbe, Pat Earles, Paul Gilchrist, Jim Steele, Jim McCalliog and Hugh Fisher, who have all given good service to the club.

"This shows what a tremendous transitional period this has been, and yet our results have not really reflected too badly, both on the field



**ON THE RUN:** Peter Rodrigues and Steve Heighway.



**ON THE BALL:** Mick Channon.



**WEMBLEY - THE SECOND TIME:** Hugh Fisher, above left, was a sub in the 1976 Charity Shield, where captain Peter Rodrigues is pictured leading the team out for the second half.

and the way we have played and at the turnstiles.

"Many new faces have emerged from within the club to first team prominence. More experience in the shape of Alan Ball and Ted MacDougall - quality players playing good quality football.

"International honours for David Peach, Steve Williams, Tony Sealy and George Shipley.

"We have many personalities throughout the club and it enables people to be entertained and gives them plenty to talk about after being at The Dell - this is something I have always wanted."

Talking about the Saints side that had evolved through the 1976/77

campaign, McMenemy said: "The team which I have been building have proved they are amongst the best in the country at going forward and scoring goals, which are more often than not quality goals.

"Our main problem is defending. There is no doubt that we have proved to be too brittle and inconsistent in this department.

"It is therefore the next stage of my development of the first team, to make sure that this department is stronger for the beginning of next term."

McMenemy was true to his word, for within a month of writing those words he had made another of his trademark experienced signings -

bringing in Northern Ireland and Aston Villa defender Chris Nicholl.

McMenemy, in summing up the season in his programme notes, also made a point of restating his aim of making Saints a proper family club.

Hooliganism was still rife up and down the country, though Saints were never involved in any high-profile incidents that plagued other clubs.

"The new Social Club, opened in December, is as good as anywhere we have seen on our travels," he wrote.

"The club shop gives a good choice and good value, and it's a long-standing ambition off myself and Malcolm Price (Saints' Commercial Manager) to introduce a 'family centre' in the



# 1976/1977 FLASHBACK -- 1976/1977 FLASHBACK -- RIDE FOR SAINTS ...



**KEY SIGNING:** The arrival of Alan Ball was a catalyst to Saints eventually winning promotion in 1978.

ground for next season, providing there is sufficient demand.

"This has always been a family club and we want this to continue and encourage both the mothers and children to come along and be entertained without the worry of any problems."

Times have changed; you can't imagine Mauricio Pochettino making reference to the Megastore in West Quay as offering "good

choice



**ON THE BALL:** Mick Channon runs at the Liverpool defence at Wembley.



**EYE ON THE BALL:** Mick Channon and Phil Neal during the Charity Shield contest at Wembley.

and good value". On the pitch, we now live in a different world.

St Mary's lies silent on many Saturdays of a football season, but back in 1976/77 there was football at The Dell every week-end.

If Saints weren't home, the

club's reserves would play a Football Combination game at the stadium on a Saturday afternoon.

That, said McMenemy, gave season ticket holders fantastic value for money.

"I am sure the hardcore who use their season tickets for the 42 games available at The Dell by and large get good value for money by watching the reserve team and, therefore, see the youngsters coming through our successful system before they get into the first team.

"When evened out over reserve games and first team games, it evens out to each game costing less than half a pint of beer."

Good value indeed.

## Did You Know?

### 1976/77 -- LEADING GOALSCORERS

#### First Division

	Lge	FAC	LC	Ttl
Gray (A Villa)	25	1	3	29
Macdonald (Arsenal)	25	3	1	29
Latchford (Everton)	17	3	5	25
Hales (Derby)	20	2	2	24
* including 16 for Charlton				
Kidd (Man City)	21	1	0	22
Francis (Birmingham)	21	0	0	21
Hill (Man United)	15	2	4	21
Burns (Birmingham)	19	1	0	20
Mariner (Ipswich)	17	3	0	20
* including 7 for Plymouth				
Pearson (Man United)	15	1	3	19
Tueart (Man City)	18	-	0	18
Mills (Mboro)	15	3	0	18
Deehan (A Villa)	13	3	2	18
Burns (Newcastle)	14	1	2	17
Stapleton (Arsenal)	13	1	3	17
Whymark (Ipswich)	14	1	0	15
Ferguson (Coventry)	13	0	2	15
Reeves (Norwich)	14	0	0	14
* including 6 for Bournemouth				
Robson (West Ham)	14	0	0	14
Worthington (Leicester)	14	0	0	14
Earle (Leicester)	13	0	0	13
Lee (Sunderland)	13	0	0	13
Keegan (Liverpool)	12	0	0	12



**TOP SCORER:** Ted MacDougall after scoring one of his 25 goals for Saints in the 1976/77 season.

#### Second Division

	Lge	FAC	LC	Ttl
Whatmore (Bolton)	25	0	6	31
Walsh (Blackpool)	26	1	1	28
Finnieston (Chelsea)	24	0	2	28
<b>MacDougall (Saints)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>
Flanagan (Charlton)	23	0	0	23
Halom (Oldham)	19	3	1	23
Mitchell (Fulham)	20	0	2	22
Evans (Cardiff)	15	1	6	22
<b>Channon (Saints)</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>
Taylor (Bolton)	16	0	4	20
Richards (Wolves)	15	5	0	20
Edwards (Sheff Utd)	18	0	0	18
McNeil (Hereford)	16	0	2	18

#### Third Division

	Lge	FAC	LC	Ttl
Ward (Brighton)	32	1	3	36
Whittle (Wrexham)	28	3	2	33
Crawford (Rotherham)	23	6	2	31
Ashcroft (Wrexham)	20	5	2	27
Bruce (Preston)	24	2	0	26
Wyld (Sheff Wed)	21	1	3	25
Phillips (Rotherham)	21	0	2	23

#### Fourth Division

	Lge	FAC	LC	Ttl
Joicey (Barnsley)	25	3	0	28
Kitchen (Doncaster)	23	3	1	27
Charles (Swansea)	23	0	3	26
Mercer (Watford)	22	2	1	25
Garwood (Colchester)	16	4	4	24
Sweetzer (Brentford)	23	0	0	23
Kellow (Exeter)	19	1	2	22
Beer (Exeter)	21	0	0	21
Brown (Torquay)	18	1	2	21
Biley (Cambridge)	19	0	1	20

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## BOOK of the WEEK

# England's skipper

*Driving Ambition  
My Autobiography  
By Andrew Strauss*

Sportsbookofthemonth.com  
price: £13.00 saving £7.00 on rrp

In the wake of Kevin Pietersen's disastrous spell as England captain (yes, it's still difficult to comprehend his appointment), the nation turned to Andrew Strauss.

A solid, dependable, brave sole and, according to those who knew, a natural leader of men.

With the England cricket team at rock bottom, Strauss was considered the right man to extricate them from the mire.

Yet he made the most inauspicious start imaginable.

In his first game at the helm, Strauss scored 7 and 9 and England were bowled out for 51 in their second innings, thereby losing by an innings to the West Indies at Sabina Park.

As captaining debuts go, it couldn't get much worse.



It says much about Andrew Strauss that he not only recovered from such an awful start, but would, within two years, lead England to the pinnacle of the world's Test cricket rankings.

Strauss appears destined to become England captain, despite being born in South Africa.

His joy at being beckoned to the national team (a call he heard about on the giant screen at Lord's) is evident – as are his nerves.

The panic proved unfounded. In 2004, against New Zealand, Strauss became only the fourth man to score a century at Lord's on his Test debut.

He made 112 in the first innings and 83 in the second.

He would go on to register three centuries in England's first win in South Africa for 40 years and in 2005 was voted Wisden's Cricketer of the Year.

Strauss would captain England 50 times in a 100-Test career, leading them through a particularly turbulent period to number one in the world.

Much of his story has already been told in two earlier books: *The Story So Far*, published in 2006 and *Winning the Ashes Down Under*, published in 2011.

Here, however, this well-educated man (who could have just as easily become an accountant after graduating from university) is afforded more space to expand and reveal more of a character which comfortably mixes modesty with, well, driving ambition, in what proves an engrossing read.

## 1976/1977 FLASHBACK -- 1976/1977 FLASHBACK --



GOAL ACE: Ted MacDougall in action for Saints during the 1976/77 season.



# SAINTS START WITH

**Aug 14:** John Toshack scores the only goal in the 50th minute as league champions Liverpool beat FA Cup winners Saints 1-0 in the annual Charity Shield game at Wembley.

Lawrie McMenemy fielded the same 11 players that had won the FA Cup a few months earlier, with sole sub Hugh Fisher coming on for Mel Blyth.

That was the last time the Saints' XI who had beaten Manchester United on the greatest day in the club's history played together.

**Aug 21:** The First Division season opens with a surprise 1-0 win

for promoted Bristol City over Arsenal at Highbury. Champions Liverpool beat Norwich City 1-0, but last year's runners-up Queens Park Rangers lose 4-0 at home to Everton.

**Aug 31:** No fewer than nine teams are level on four points at the top of the First Division after three matches. Aston Villa lead on goal difference. Norwich City are the only team yet to register a point.

**Sept 4:** George Best scores within 71 seconds of his Fulham debut against Bristol Rovers in a Second Division game at Craven Cottage. The attendance of over 21,000 is double Fulham's previous home attendance.

**Sept 12:** There's a financial crisis at Fratton Park with Pompey on the verge of going out of business, says chairman John Deacon, if they cannot raise £25,000 by early November.

**Sept 14:** Ted MacDougall is back on the south coast, Saints signing the former Cherries star for £50,000 from Norwich City.

**Sept 18:** Saints slip to the foot of the Second Division after drawing 1-1 at home to Nottingham Forest.

**Sept 21:** Teenager Steve Williams scores the only goal for Saints in a 1-0 Anglo-Italian Cup success against



STRETCHING: Nick Holmes pictured in October 1976.



GOAL: Mick Channon scores against Cardiff in April 1977.

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# 1976/1977 FLASHBACK -- 1976/1977 FLASHBACK --



**NEW SIGNING:** Alan Ball pictured with Saints trainees after arriving at the club in December 1976.



**FLASHBACK:** Steve Mills in action for Saints in 1976/77.

## WEMBLEY DEFEAT

Napoli at The Dell.

**Sept 24:** Mike Flanagan and Derek Hales both score twice as Charlton thrash Saints 6-2 at The Valley.

**Sept 30:** Liverpool lead the First Division at the end of September, level on points with Middlesbrough.

**Oct 2:** Red and yellow cards are brandished by referees for the first time ever in English football. George Best gets a red at The Dell as Saints cane Fulham 4-1 for their first league victory of the season.

**Oct 4:** Ted MacDougall scores twice as a Saints XI win 4-1 at Newport Isle of Wight in a friendly to officially open the hosts' new floodlights.

**Oct 5:** Wolves, fresh from winning 6-1 at Hereford in a Second Division game, lose 6-2 at home against Saints!

Brighton thrash Walsall 7-0 in a Third Division game with only two players scoring - Peter Ward (4) and Ian Mellor (3). Amazingly, the game was goalless at half-time.

**Oct 9:** Surprise package Middlesbrough - including future Saints midfielder David Armstrong move to the top of the First Division table following

a 1-0 win at home to Norwich City.

**Oct 16:** The 1975 champions Derby County belatedly record their first League win of the season when they thrash Tottenham 8-2 at the Baseball Ground. Promoted West Bromwich Albion beat Manchester United 4-0

**Oct 18:** Sunderland manager Bob Stokoe resigns, saying that he believes a new manager will give the club a better chance of First Division survival. Despite a poor start which has seen the club marooned at the bottom with no wins, Stokoe was still incredibly popular among the Roker Park faithful due to their 1973 FA Cup final win.

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**ON THE BALL:** Mick Channon against Manchester United.



**WEMBLEY ACTION:** Kevin Keegan takes on the Saints defence

## Did You Know?

### Non league tables 1976/77

#### Southern League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	42	28	7	7	64	22	63
Minehead	42	23	12	7	73	39	58
Kettering Town	42	20	16	6	66	46	56
Bath City	42	20	15	7	51	30	55
Nuneaton Borough	42	20	11	11	52	35	51
Bedford Town	42	17	14	11	54	47	48
Yeovil Town	42	15	16	11	54	42	46
Dover	42	13	16	13	46	43	42
Grantham	42	14	12	16	55	50	40
Maidstone United	42	13	14	15	46	50	40
Gravesend & North	42	13	13	16	38	43	39
A.P. Leamington	42	12	15	15	44	53	39
Redditch United	42	12	14	16	45	54	38
Wealdstone	42	13	12	17	54	66	38
Hillingdon Borough	42	14	10	18	45	59	38
Atherstone Town	42	14	9	19	41	49	37
Weymouth	42	16	5	21	53	73	37
Dartford	42	13	10	19	52	57	36
Telford United	42	11	12	19	36	50	34
Chelmsford City	42	9	13	20	56	68	31
Burton Albion	42	10	10	22	41	52	30
Margate	42	9	10	23	47	85	28

● Remarkable to see that in the season Wimbledon were promoted to the Football League, Minehead were runners-up.

While Yeovil are now a Championship club, Minehead are now playing in the Premier Division of the Somerset League.

Minehead won at Swansea City in the first round of the FA Cup in 1976/77 before only losing 2-1 to Portsmouth in the next round.

Only one club, Dartford, is currently in the top flight of English non league football, the Conference Premier.

Telford United are now defunct but AFC Telford have taken their place in the Conference.

#### Southern League Division 1 North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Worcester City	38	32	5	1	97	22	69
Cheltenham Town	38	23	8	7	85	35	54
Witney Town	38	21	8	9	48	31	50
Bromsgrove Rovers	38	20	8	10	61	37	48
Barry Town	38	19	8	11	62	45	46
Cambridge City	38	17	10	11	68	43	44
Stourbridge	38	17	9	12	48	35	43
Kidderminster H	38	17	6	15	74	65	40
Barnbury United	38	15	10	13	51	47	40
Gloucester City	38	18	4	16	70	81	40
Enderby Town	38	15	9	14	50	44	39
King's Lynn	38	13	11	14	47	53	37
Corby Town	38	11	13	14	56	64	35
Tamworth	38	11	13	14	49	58	35
Merthyr Tydfil	38	12	6	20	60	69	30
Oswestry Town	38	8	10	20	30	60	26
Wellingborough Tn	38	8	7	23	37	73	23
Dunstable	38	7	7	24	38	84	21
Bedworth United	38	5	10	23	28	68	20
Milton Keynes City	38	7	6	25	31	76	20

A dismal season for Milton Keynes City, a club eventually wound up in 1985. It would take a controversial move to eventually bring league football to the city.

#### Southern League Division 1 South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	34	23	8	3	65	25	54
Hastings United	34	18	11	5	47	18	47
Waterlooville	34	19	6	9	50	25	44
Dorchester Town	34	16	11	7	48	30	43
Salisbury	34	15	11	8	57	39	41
Romford	34	18	5	11	47	32	41
Poole Town	34	17	7	10	40	35	41
Trowbridge Town	34	15	8	11	47	39	38
Crawley Town	34	14	9	11	53	42	37
Folkestone & Shep	34	12	11	11	39	42	35
Basingstoke Town	34	12	10	12	51	43	34
Canterbury City	34	6	16	12	36	46	28
Bognor Regis Tn	34	9	9	16	33	50	27
Tonbridge	34	9	9	16	33	50	27
Metropolitan Police	34	5	12	17	37	61	22
Andover	34	4	11	19	17	49	19
Ashford Town (Kent)	34	5	8	21	32	65	18
Aylesbury United	34	5	6	23	27	68	16
Guildford & Dorking United record expunged							

● While Andover are now defunct, Crawley Town - league rivals back in 1976/77 - are now plying their trade in League 1.

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## Did You Know?

### SAINTS 1976/77 RESULTS

#### DIVISION 2

**Aug 21:** Carlisle United (H) ... L1-2  
Osgood

**Aug 25:** Millwall (A) .....D0-0

**Aug 28:** Hull City (A) .....L0-4

**Sept 4:** Sheffield U (H) .....D1-1  
Channon

**Sept 11:** Burnley (A) .....L0-2

**Sept 18:** Notm Forest (H) ... D1-1  
Stokes

**Sept 24:** Charlton (A) .....L2-6  
Peach, MacDougall

**Oct 2:** Fulham (H) .....W4-1  
Blyth 2, MacDougall 2

**Oct 5:** Wolves (A) .....W6-2  
Channon 2, Holmes 2, Earls,  
McCalliog.

**Oct 10:** Hereford (H) .....W1-0  
Holmes

**Oct 23:** Luton (A) .....W4-1  
Peach 2, Holmes, MacDougall

**Oct 30:** Chelsea (A) .....L1-3  
MacDougall

**Nov 6:** Leyton O (H) .....D2-2  
Blyth, MacDougall

**Nov 10:** Cardiff (A) .....L0-1

**Nov 20:** Bolton (H) .....L1-3  
MacDougall

**Nov 27:** Oldham (A) .....L1-2  
Andruszewski

**Dec 4:** Notts Co (H) .....W2-1  
Holmes, Channon

**Dec 7:** Chelsea (H) .....D1-1  
MacDougall

**Dec 18:** Blackpool (H) .....D3-3  
Channon 3

**Dec 27:** Plymouth (A) .....D1-1  
MacDougall

**Dec 29:** Bristol Rov (H) ....W2-1  
Channon 2

**Jan 15:** Millwall (H) .....L0-2

**Jan 22:** Carlisle (A) .....W6-0  
Peach, Holmes 2, Channon,  
Osgood, MacDougall

**Feb 5:** Hull City (H) .....D2-2  
MacDougall 2

**Feb 12:** Sheffield U (A) .....D2-2  
Osgood, MacDougall

**Feb 19:** Burnley (H) .....W2-0  
Peach, MacDougall

**Mar 5:** Charlton (H) .....W2-1  
Andruszewski, MacDougall

**Mar 11:** Fulham (A) .....D1-1  
Hebberd

**Mar 22:** Nottm Forest (A) ... L1-2  
Rodrigues

**Apr 2:** Luton (H) .....W1-0  
Ball

**Apr 8:** Plymouth (H) .....W4-1  
MacDougall 2, Peach, Channon

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# 1976/1977 FLASHBACK -- 1976/1977 FLASHBACK --

# CUP-WINNING SIDE

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**Oct 26:** The League Cup was a bigger draw in 1976 than it is these days, and Arsenal draw a crowd of over 52,000 to watch them beat Chelsea 2-1.

**Oct 31:** Liverpool are the First Division leaders at the end of October, three points ahead of a chasing group that comprises Manchester City, Ipswich Town, Newcastle United, Leicester City and Middlesbrough.

**Nov 3:** Ipswich Town move up to second in the First Division with a 7-0 thrashing of West Bromwich Albion, Trevor Whymark scoring four times. Tottenham Hotspur suffer another heavy defeat, 5-3 at struggling West Ham United.

**Nov 8:** Peter Osgood leaves The Dell to join Norwich City on loan. He only makes three league appearances for the Canaries.

**Nov 13:** Kevin Reeves hits a hat-trick as Bournemouth thrash Southport 5-0 at Dean Court. Later that season the striker signs for Norwich City and within three years has won a full England international cap.

**Nov 14:** Saints crash out of the Anglo-Italian Cup after losing 4-0 to Napoli in Italy.

**Nov 17:** With a team featuring six changes from their previous match, England suffer a major set-back in their attempt to reach the World Cup Finals when they are beaten 2-0 by Italy in Rome.

**Nov 25:** Barely 18 months after winning the First Division title, Derby manager Dave Mackay resigns following a poor start to the season, which has left the club just a single point off the bottom of the table.

**Nov 30:** Liverpool retain a three-point lead from Ipswich Town and Newcastle United at the end of November. Tottenham Hotspur have joined West Ham United and Sunderland in the relegation zone.

**Dec 2:** After over a month without a permanent manager, Sunderland announce former Burnley manager Jimmy Adamson as Bob Stokoe's successor.

**Dec 4:** Malcolm Macdonald scores a hat-trick for Arsenal in their 5-3 League win over his old team Newcastle United.



**ACROBATIC:** Ted MacDougall scores against Plymouth and, top, celebrates the goal.

**Dec 10:** Saints sign keeper Peter Wells from Nottingham Forest for £8,000.

**Dec 15:** Aston Villa beat Liverpool 5-1 in the League at Villa Park - the Reds' heaviest league defeat since 1963. All the goals amazingly come in the first half with Andy Gray scoring twice

**Dec 22:** Saints sign World Cup winner Alan Ball from Arsenal for £60,000.

**Dec 27:** A huge crowd of 32,368 cram into Fratton Park to watch the Third Division derby between Pompey and Brighton. Pompey win 1-0 thanks to a goal from David Kemp. Brighton have the last laugh, though, finishing in second place and winning promotion while Pompey only avoid the drop by one place.

**Dec 31:** At the end of the year, Liverpool's lead at the top of the First Division has been cut to two points over Ipswich Town, who have three games in hand.

**Jan 1:** Saints legend Terry Paine is awarded an MBE in the Queen's New Year Honours list.

**Jan 8:** Tottenham are beaten 1-0 by Second Division Cardiff City in the FA Cup third round, Peter Sayers scoring the winner. Northern Premier League side Northwich Victoria beat Watford 3-2

**Jan 10:** Everton sack manager Billy Bingham. The club had looked like possible title challengers early in

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# 1976/1977 FLASHBACK -- 1976/1977 FLASHBACK - GETS BROKEN UP



**GOAL:** Mick Channon scores against Plymouth in April 1977, above.



the season, but a poor run of form has dropped them to the lower reaches of the table.

**Jan 11:** Third Division Crystal Palace attract a crowd of over 42,000 for an FA Cup third round tie with Liverpool, who win 3-2.

**Jan 25:** Chelsea raise terrace admission prices for adults in a bid to help their financial plight. The dearest price to stand at Stamford Bridge is now £1!

**Jan 30:** Newcastle manager Gordon Lee is appointed as Everton's new manager. Lee's assistant at Newcastle,

Richard Dinnis takes over as acting manager of the Tyneside club.

**Jan 31:** Liverpool still lead the First Division, but Ipswich Town are now just a point behind, and still have three games in hand. Manchester City are a further two points adrift.

**Feb 2:** The Newcastle United squad, led by captain Geoff Nulty, threaten to strike unless Richard Dinnis is appointed as the club's permanent manager, with frictions exacerbated by the board signing Ralph Callaghan without consulting either Dinnis or the other players. Later that day however, the board agree to

the players' demands and appoint Dinnis as manager.

**Feb 9:** England lose at home for the first time for four years when they are beaten 2-0 by Holland at Wembley. Saints ace Mick Channon is dropped and Trevor Francis makes his international debut.

**Feb 15:** Ipswich Town move to the top of the First Division with a 5-0 thrashing of Norwich City in the East Anglia derby. Trevor Whymark hits a hat-trick. Saints are leading 1-0 at Nottingham Forest through a Nick Holmes goal in the first minute when they game

is abandoned through fog. When the game is finally replayed the following month, Forest win 2-1.

**Feb 26:** Middlesbrough dump Arsenal out of the FA Cup with a 4-1 win at Ayresome Park in the fifth round. Manchester City lose 1-0 to Leeds United, and Manchester United draw 2-2 against Saints in a repeat of last year's final.

**Feb 28:** Two successive defeats for Ipswich Town have allowed Liverpool to regain top spot in the race for the title. At the bottom, Tottenham Hotspur now prop up the table, and are joined by Sunderland and Bristol City in the relegation zone.

**Mar 5:** In a spectacular change in form, Sunderland beat West Ham United 6-0 at Roker Park. It is their third consecutive victory in a run in which they have scored sixteen goals.

**Mar 8:** Holders Saints are knocked out of the FA Cup 2-1 by Manchester United in their fifth round replay. Saints return 5,000 tickets for the game.

**Mar 12:** The League Cup final ends in a 0-0 draw between Aston Villa and Everton at Wembley.[5] Arsenal's 2-1 loss to Queens Park Rangers is their seventh consecutive League defeat, a club record.[1][6]

**Mar 13:** Aston Villa striker Andy Gray is voted the PFA Player of the Year and PFA Young Player of the Year.

**Mar 16:** The Football League Cup final replay at Hillsborough ends in a 1-1 draw.

**Mar 19:** First Division heavyweights Everton, Leeds United, Liverpool and Manchester United all win their FA Cup sixth round ties to reach the last four.[4]

**Mar 20:** Peter Houseman, who helped Chelsea win the FA Cup in 1970 and the European Cup Winners' Cup a year later, dies in a car crash at the age of 31. His wife is among the four people who die in the crash, which takes place near Oxford.

Houseman was a popular figure in the Hampshire village of Oakley, where he coached a local kids' team. The Peter Houseman North Hampshire Youth League still bears his name.

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## Did You Know?

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**Apr 9:** Bristol Rov (A) .....W3-2  
Osgood, Hebberd, MacDougall

**Apr 11:** Cardiff (H) .....W3-2  
Channon 2, MacDougall

**Apr 16:** Bolton (A) .....L0-3

**Apr 20:** Blackburn (A) .....L0-3

**Apr 23:** Oldham (H) .....W4-0  
Channon 2, Osgood, MacDougall

**Apr 26:** Leyton O (A) .....W3-2  
Channon, MacDougall 2

**Apr 30:** Notts Co (A) .....L1-3  
MacDougall

**May 3:** Wolves (H) .....W1-0  
Holmes

**May 7:** Blackburn (H) .....W2-0  
Peach, Channon

**May 11:** Hereford (A) .....L0-2

**May 14:** Blackpool (A) .....L0-1

### FA Cup

**Jan 8:** Chelsea (H) .....D1-1  
Channon

**Jan 12:** Chelsea (A) .....W3-0  
MacDougall, Channon, Peach

**Jan 29:** Nottm Forest (A) ....D3-3  
Ball, Channon, Osgood

**Feb 1:** Nottm Forest (H) ....W2-1  
Williams, MacDougall

**Feb 26:** Man United (H) ....D2-2  
Peach, Holmes

**Mar 8:** Man United (A) .....L1-2  
Peach

### League Cup

**Aug 31:** Charlton (H) .....D1-1  
Earles

**Sept 7:** Charlton (A) .....L1-2  
Channon

### Charity Shield

**Aug 14:** Liverpool (Wembey) .L0-1

### European Cup Winners Cup

**Sept 15:** Marseille (H) .....W4-0  
Channon 2, Waldron, Osgood

**Sept 29:** Marseille (A) .....L1-2  
Peach

**Oct 20:** Carrick Rangers (A) .W5-2  
Channon 2, Osgood, Stokes, McCalliog

**Nov 11:** Carrick Rangers (H) .W4-1  
Hayes 2, Williams, Stokes

**Mar 2:** Anderlecht (A) .....L0-2

**Mar 16:** Anderlecht (H) ....W2-1  
MacDougall, Peach

### Anglo-Italian Cup

**Sept 21:** Napoli (H) .....W 1-0  
Williams

**Nov 14:** Napoli (A) .....L 0-4

**Lawrie McMenemy's Saints**  
played 63 games across six different competitions in 1976/77.

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## Quotes of the week

"I am now going to go travelling through Europe with my two Airedales and see how far I can get. You never know, in six months I might miss it, but I know now it is the right time to finish" - **Boxing promoter Frank Maloney reveals his plans after announcing his retirement following 30 years in the sport.**

"Sometimes you are lucky in those things - you envisage something and it comes off, but it doesn't always work out that way" - **England manager Roy Hodgson reflects on his decision to select Andros Townsend for the crunch World Cup qualifier against Montenegro, in which the Tottenham winger scored a stunning goal on his senior international debut.**



RONNIE O'SULLIVAN

"If it was a conspiracy it wasn't very good one! There was no complaint whatsoever from anyone at the time about changing the cloth, which is something that happens quite often during tournaments" - **World Snooker chairman Barry Hearn dismisses Ronnie O'Sullivan's claim that the cloth on the table was changed to create a slower surface in a bid to make him lose this year's World Championship final against Barry Hawkins.**

"I'm angry and angry. I thought we were terrible. We made so many basic errors. I'm furious. We can talk about injuries and about various different things but I'm annoyed" - **Harlequins director of rugby Conor O'Shea pulls no punches after his club's Heineken Cup defeat to Scarlets.**

"None of us wanted to be in this position at this point in the season. David's appointment was made as part of developing a new phase at the club." - **Sheffield United chief executive Julian Winter expresses regret after the club decided to sack manager David Weir just four months into his tenure. Weir left Bramall Lane after delivering one win from 10 league games.**

"Even if Sebastian retired from all four remaining races, I would have to win all of them. So it's only a matter of time before he will be champion. We have different goals now" - **Fernando Alonso concedes defeat to Sebastian Vettel in the Formula One world title race after the German's victory at the Japanese Grand Prix, which left the reigning champion with a 90-point lead over the Spaniard with 100 to**



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# 1976/1977 FLASHBACK -- 1976/1977 FLASHBACK -- SAINTS END WITH

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**Apr 9:** Liverpool beat Manchester City 2-1 in a crunch League match at Anfield. Ipswich Town continue their challenge by winning 1-0 at Norwich City.

**Apr 11:** Mick Channon scores twice as Saints beat Cardiff 3-2 at The Dell to move into the top ten of the Second Division for the first time that season.

**Apr 13:** The Football League Cup final is decided at the third attempt when Aston Villa beat Everton 3-2 in the second replay at Old Trafford. A last minute goal from Brian Little sends the trophy to Villa Park.

**Apr 23:** Everton and Liverpool draw 2-2 in the FA Cup semi-final at Maine Road, with referee Clive Thomas disallowing a late goal from Everton's Bryan Hamilton. At Hillsborough, Manchester United beat Leeds 2-1 to reach the final for the second consecutive year.

**Apr 25:** Laurie Cunningham of West Bromwich Albion becomes the first Black footballer to play for England Under-21s, scoring the winner on his debut against Scotland.

**Apr 26:** Future Saint David Armstrong scores twice as Middlesbrough cane Manchester United 3-0 at Ayresome Park.

**Apr 27:** Liverpool beat Everton 3-0 in the semi-final replay to reach the FA Cup final.

**Apr 30:** Liverpool effectively end Ipswich Town's title challenge by beating them 2-1 at Anfield. Manchester City crash to a 4-0 defeat at relegation-threatened Derby, and are now two points behind the Reds having played a game more.

**May 1:** Tommy Docherty signs a new three-year contract as Manchester United boss.



ON THE BALL: Ted MacDougall and Bobby Moore.

**May 4:** Liverpool sign Partick Thistle defender Alan Hansen for £100,000.

**May 7:** Tottenham Hotspur's first relegation since 1935 is virtually guaranteed after the Londoners are thrashed 5-0 at Manchester City. In the Fourth Division, only 880 fans turn up to watch Southport lost 2-1 to Hartlepool.

**May 11:** Holders Anderlecht, having beaten Saints in the quarter-finals, lose 4-2 to Hamburg in the European Cup Winners Cup final.

Saints legend Terry Paine plays the final game of his amazing career - for Hereford against Saints at Edgar Street. In a low-key end to Saints' season, they are beaten 2-0 by a Hereford team already relegated.

**May 14:** Liverpool are confirmed champions of the Football League First Division for the second season running and for the tenth time in total following a 0-0 draw with West Ham. Manchester City finish second. Tottenham's relegation is confirmed.

**May 14:** A crowd of just 2,981 watch Bournemouth complete their Fourth Division fixtures with a 3-1 home win against Doncaster.

**May 16:** Stoke City lose 1-0 to Aston Villa and are relegated. Saints are on an end-of-season tour of Norway and win 3-0 at Viking Stavanger thanks to goals from Ted MacDougall (2) and Steve Williams.

**May 17:** Chris Kamara, more well known now as a Sky TV presenter, scores twice from the spot as Portsmouth finish their Third Division campaign with a 4-3



**FLASHBACK:** How the front-cover of the Saints programme looked throughout the 1976/77 season.



**FLASHBACK:** Only £2.60 to go to Nottingham Forest on the official Saints' supporters coach!



**FLASHBACK:** Bargains to be had in the end of season sale in the Saints club shop at The Dell.



**FLASHBACK:** Classic programme advertising in the Saints programme in 1976.

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# 1976/1977 FLASHBACK -- 1976/1977 FLASHBACK -- TOP HALF FINISH



**GOAL:** Ted MacDougall heads in against Fulham at The Dell in October 1976.



**GOAL:** Ted MacDougall scores again against Fulham.

loss at Swindon Town.

Saints beat Vardo (Haudesand) 3-0 in their second friendly in Norway, MacDougall again scoring twice.

**May 19:** Coventry City and Bristol City draw 2-2 at Highfield Road and both survive in the First Division as Sunderland lose 2-0 at Everton to take the final relegation slot. There is controversy as the Coventry game kicks off five minutes late and ends with neither side taking any risks as they know a draw would keep them both up.

**May 19:** Liverpool defender Emlyn Hughes is voted the Football Writers' Footballer of the Year.

**May 21:** Liverpool's treble bid ends when they lose 2-1 to Manchester United in the FA Cup final. It is United's first major trophy since they won the European Cup nine years ago.

**May 25:** Liverpool win the European Cup for the first time, defeating Borussia Mönchengladbach of West Germany 3-1 at Stadio Olimpico in Rome. Future Saint Kevin Keegan scores the third goal.

**May 28:** Wimbledon, champions of the Southern League, are elected to the Football League Fourth Division at the expense of Workington, who drop into the

Northern Premier League. Nine years later they reach the top flight of English football.

**May 31:** England lose to Wales at Wembley for the first time when Leighton James scores the only goal from the penalty spot in a Home Championship fixture.

**June 4:** Scotland beat England 2-1 at Wembley to clinch the Home Championship, but their victory is overshadowed by a pitch invasion by celebrating supporters, who infamously break one of the crossbars. Saints striker Mick Channon replies for England.

**June 5:** Saints defender David Peach is called up to the full England international squad after an injury to Colin Todd.

**June 15:** After previous draws against Brazil and Argentina, England end their South American summer tour with a 0-0 draw against Uruguay. Defender Trevor Cherry is sent off in the latter game.

**June 21:** Saints sign defender Chris Nicholl from Aston Villa for £90,000.

**June 24:** The FA vote not to allow clubs to have shirt sponsorship. They relent two years later and Liverpool are the first club to have a sponsor, Hitachi.

**July 1:** Liverpool sell striker Kevin Keegan for a European record fee of £500,000.

**July 4:** Just six weeks after managing Manchester United to FA Cup glory, Tommy Docherty is sacked by the United board soon after admitting to having an affair with Mary Brown, the wife of club physiotherapist Laurie Brown.

**July 11:** Don Revie announces his resignation as England manager after three years.

**July 14:** Dave Sexton is announced as the new Manchester United manager.



**CLOSE CALL:** Saints on the attack against Fulham during their 4-1 success at The Dell in October 1976.

## Quotes of the week

"We were tiny footballers from Poland, playing one of the biggest teams in the world and showed everything was possible in football. We came to Wembley as ugly ducklings and we left as football swans. We fought like the Three Musketeers. All for one and one for all!" - **Poland's 'clown' Jan Tomaszewski reflects on his nation's famous 1-1 draw at Wembley in 1973 which cost England a World Cup place and Sir Alf Ramsey his job.**

"I'm sorry you lost today. You deserve this trophy equally. What can I say, man? I'm trying to be nice to you!" - **Novak Djokovic consoles Juan Martin Del Potro at the on-court presentation ceremony after beating the Argentinian in the final of the Shanghai Masters.**

"How embarrassing is that? We couldn't even get our high-fives right. What about just a handshake? Just take it back to 'well bowled'" - **Australia captain George Bailey sees the lighter side after a wayward high-five from a team-mate forced wicketkeeper Brad Haddin from the field during Sunday's one-day international against India.**

"It was one of those silly little ideas that sometimes you have when you are young. I sometimes think of it now, 26 years after my 40th birthday and wonder what would have become of me if we had decided to fulfil the idea, and we had actually retired at 40." **England manager Roy Hodgson reveals a youthful dream to open a travel agents once his management career was over.**



**ANDROS TOWNSEND**

"I don't know what all this fuss is about. No offence was meant and none was taken! It's not even news worthy!" **Andros Townsend takes to Twitter to try and play down the monkey joke made by England manager Roy Hodgson which hit the headlines.**

"I was on my way to Toys R Us to buy a trampoline for the kids. Capello said, 'Just wanted to let you know that you are not coming with us. Hopefully we will work together again'. I was on the Dock Road in Liverpool, in the car, so it was strange" - **Leighton Baines recalls the moment he received a phone call from former England boss Fabio Capello to inform him that Stephen Warnock would be Ashley Cole's back-up for the 2010 World Cup finals.**

"The England team are s\*\*\* at the minute. How long do we have to talk about how bad it is? I mean this commission thing - and it was an issue with me straightaway. What's the point? It is a scary time as an Englishman who cares passionately about your football. You only have to look at the amount of foreign owners now - how many owners are English? The Football Association is archaic, it is completely and utterly out of its depth." - **Joey Barton's thoughts on the newly-formed FA commission, English football and the national team.**

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## Who are Ya?

### AFC Station

**Craig Thorne (goalkeeper):** Club stopper, controls the back four very well and always takes command.

**Jonny Malcolm (centre back):** Bit of a livewire, but will give everything to the cause. A very passionate player.

**Dan Buck (full-back):** A versatile player who can play either side of the pitch. Always gives his all no matter what game it is.

**Steve Pendrey (full-back):** Co-founder and secretary; one of the originals who are still going strong. Enjoys a sliding tackle.

**Harry Ward (centre back):** Captain and an essential part of the defence. He controls the whole team from the front to the back.

**Adam Cunrow (midfielder):** The workhorse of the team. He will chase anything and everything. He works well and never gives up, even when it's a lost cause.

**Gavin Barker (midfielder):** New to the club, spent two years out of football. Fighting to get fit once more and raring to go.

**Ben Bowers (midfielder):** He is playing really well since being moved up from defence to his attacking berth. Has a fantastic shot on him. Known for being passionate and assured on the ball.

**Haydn Lamb (midfielder):** New signing this season; young and energetic. Very composed on the ball and has fitted in well with the team.

**Gareth Harris (forward):** Club's top scorer last season. He may be small but is very fast and always finishes very well.

**Mike King (forward):** Tallest player in the team. Very good in the air and chases everything down.

**Simon Mercer (forward):** A versatile player who will play wherever you ask. Scoring goals for fun this season and playing very well.

**Lloyd Davidson (attacking midfielder):** New signing. Great hair, great first touch, plays in midfield or up front. Suave and elegant player with an eye for a pass, has been called the David Bentley of Junior 4.

## Meet the manager

### Tony Hewes

**Age:** 50  
**From:** Portswood  
**Occupation:** Coach driver  
**Supports:** Saints



**Favourite player:** Matt Le Tissier

**Best footballing moment:** Scoring a penalty in final game as a player

**Best goal you have ever seen:** Le Tissier scoring at The Dell on the last game there against Arsenal

**Ambitions for the club:**

Move up the leagues as quickly as we can and win some silverware along the way

## Team check

**Local pub:** The Station, Bitterne

**The skipper:** Harry Ward

**The moaner:** Chris Eager

**Mr motivator:** Adam Cunrow

**Worst haircut:** All the guys are fairly sharp but Harry Ward is prone to growing facial hair

**The professional:** Adam Cunrow: very vocal before each game and at half-time, also likes to take the lads for a warm-up

**Worst car:** Gaffer's green Toyota Picnic people carrier

# PARK SCRATCHINGS ... PARK SCRATCHINGS

## JONNY BE BAD! STATION PLAYER

**THE AFC Station v New Forest FC promised goals and excitement, but the only fireworks came when the former's Jonny Malcolm lost his cool with team boss Tony Hewes.**

Neither side had given an opponent a sniff in their opening Drew Smith Junior 4 fixtures, with a combined 27 goals plundered by the teams.

So the tussle between the pair had promised much in a battle of the division's frontrunners.

As it was, the 1-1 draw left much to be desired and allowed fellow league chasers, Mitre, to take advantage of the stalemate and leapfrog both sides into pole position.

AFC Station, who had been top after winning four on the bounce, took the lead through Gareth Harris before Ben Roberts equalised 15 minutes from the end.

Bizarrely, the day started with two players donning the no15 shirt for New Forest, which was promptly changed after the Park Scratchings reporter expressed his concerns of fielding players with identical squad numbers.

New Forest, have been in hot form this season, smashing home 18 goals in three games, but the first half saw their potency all but evaporate.

A golden chance did fall at the feet of Lee Painter, who broke through the Station backline and looped the ball high over Craig Thorne's goal, but that was about it.

### Strop

The first half remained bland in comparison to the scintillating form of the sides in their previous games although, in a rare moment of excitement, tempers flared as Jonny Malcolm lived up to his reputation as a livewire by berating his own manager, Tony Hewes, who was running the line, for a decision that went against Station.

Malcolm tore off his shirt in a strop and threatened to leave the



**TEMPER, TEMPER:** AFC Station's Jonny Malcolm loses his cool – and his shirt – after taking exception to a decision from team manager Tony Hewes, right, who was also running the line. Order no: 17298917

field before his teammates helped him to see sense.

New Forest FC deployed an adventurous 4-2-3-1 formation, which wouldn't have looked out of place in the Premier League, manager Vince Lovell exclaiming "we're playing a similar system to Manchester City".

That system was then taken apart by the old fashioned 4-4-2 of AFC Station. The lumbering figure of central midfielder Gavin Barker delivered a precise pass over the defence which sent Harris in on one-on-one with Craig Holloway and chipping the ball over the charging stopper after 50 minutes.

Ben Bowers made several marauding runs deep into the New Forest half but his efforts created little for his side, who failed to hold the upper hand after taking the lead.

Lovell then deployed Roberts in

place of midfielder Nathan Corneby. The youngster's impact on the game was telling just ten minutes after entering the field.

Painter twisted and turned deep into Station's box and managed to deliver a crisp square ball to the feet of Roberts, who flicked home from close range with 15 minutes left to play.

Late pressure was all New Forest's, Markus Swaby-McCartney causing danger as he pumped long balls deep into Station territory and shots peppered the Station goal.

### Fair

Hewes was satisfied to grab a point from the game: "I thought it was a just result. Neither team made that many chances and at the end of it a draw is fair," he said.

"We were under the cosh at the

end. I had to pull both of my strikers off and had to reshuffle, so it was good to get through it without conceding again.

"I'm happy about the result, we wanted to draw so a win would have been great but this is kind of what I was hoping for really.

"I want to get promoted, that's our main aim. We've got a very good squad at the moment, it's just keeping them all fit, if we do that I don't see any reason why we wouldn't go up.

"New Forest are undoubtedly the team to beat this season, it will be between them and us for top spot in this division, next time we meet I want a fully fit squad and then we can go at them."

The New Forest boss Lovell felt a draw was not good enough on the other hand: "It's a very disappointing result, I can't help having those players out but this lot are here and



**AFC STATION:** Back row (from left): Harry Ward, Jonny Malcolm, Gavin Barker, Steve Pendrey, Craig Thorne, Lloyd Davidson, Ben Bowers, Ryan Ashbolt and Tony Hewes. Front: Mike King, Tom Hedges, Dan Buck, Adam Cunrow, Simon Mercer, Gareth Harris and Hayden Lamb. Order no: 17298555

## Next week's Scratchings: Montefiore Halls FC v Braishfield



# PARK SCRATCHINGS ... PARK SCRATCHINGS GETS SHIRTY WITH HIS MANAGER



they should step up to the mark," he said.

"Unfortunately some of them just didn't perform as we wanted, we'll take this 1-1 but this team are more than good enough to go up, we'll keep going and I am sure we'll get up."

Lovell paid tribute to the impact of the substitute scorer Roberts: "Ben's a terrific player; he's got a bit of speed and strength, he's a dangerous player," he said.

"He'll be starting the next game I'd imagine. Once you take your chance you're in the team, aren't you?"

And Lovell issued his intent to beat AFC Station next time out: "We will beat them easily at home, no doubt about it," he said.

"We were awful today but fair play to them they got in among us and made us play their game," he said.



**ON THE CHARGE:** AFC Station keeper Craig Thorne comes out to punch clear.  
Order no: 17298957



**HEAD TO HEAD:** Action from AFC Station (red) v New Forest FC.  
Order no: 17298890



**NEW FOREST:** Back row (from left): Josh Knight, Travis Painter, Andy Riddell, Simon Cotton, Craig Holloway, Christy Biffin, Markus Swaby-McCartney and Vince Lovell. Front: Nathan Corneby, David Bartlett, Ben Roberts, Lee Painter, Lewis Bailey and Jordan Wyatt. Order no: 17298951

## Who are Ya?

### New Forest FC

**Craig Holloway (goalkeeper):** Captain fantastic. First year between the sticks and already impressing.

**Josh 'Speedy' Knight (full-back):** He never scores. There's more chance of his brother-in-law, Craig Holloway, scoring than him.

**Lewis Bailey (full-back):** Loves to get forward, head down and run with the ball.

**Travis 'Trav' Painter (centre back):** New this year, he needs winding up as he's so laid back.

**Christy 'Biff' Biffin (centre back):** Hates playing at centre back but is solid as a rock and part of 'The Millbrook Massive'.

**Dave 'Bart' or 'Sick Note' Bartlett (midfielder):** Has managed six games without injury since joining the club a while ago. Good player, just needs to sort out his injury woes.

**Jordan 'Podge' Wyatt (centre mid-field):** Never stops laughing, surprisingly energetic and loves his football with a passion.

**Andy 'Pensioner' Riddell (centre mid-field):** Oldest player in the team and shows that with his bags of experience.

**Simon 'Tommy' Cotton (midfield):** Mr Motivator and the next Mr New Forest.

**Nathan Corneby (forward):** One for the future. Has put on a bit of timber though; if he strips that off, he'll be a spring chicken again.

**Marcus 'Macca' Swaby-McCartney (forward):** It doesn't take as long for him to get around the pitch as it does to write his name every week.

**Lee Painter (forward):** Mr Versatile; can play anywhere when asked, bald as a baby.

**Ben 'Robo' Roberts (forward):** Strong and fast; exciting prospect.

## Meet the manager

### Vince Lovell

**Age:** 47

**Where are you from:** Originally from London

**Occupation:** Transport manager

**Position in the club:** Reserve team manager

**Who do you support:** Queens Park Rangers

**Favourite player:** Paul Gascoigne

**Your best footballing moment (playing or watching):** New Forest Juniors coming runners up in their league in 2011/12

**Best goal you have ever seen:** Trevor Sinclair's fantastic overhead kick for QPR against Barnsley in 1997

**Ambitions for the club:** To have our own ground with clubhouse and training facilities.



## Team check

**Nickname:** Forest

**Local pub:** Mailman Lyndhurst

**Moaner:** Dave Bartlett/ Christy Biffin

**Worst haircut:** Daniel Davis

**Club joker:** Jordan Wyatt – think he's on laughing gas

**The professional:** Craig Holloway

**Worst car:** Lee Painter owns an old Skoda; say no more

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# Non-league Football



## Recoveries

**THERE** were two games that saw remarkable recoveries. In Junior 4 Shamblehurst trailed Weston City 3-0 but recovered to draw 3-3 draw thanks to Dan Hardy, Chris Atkins and Mark Gleeson. Questmap were 3-1 down against Hamble United, rallied to lead 4-3, only to be pegged back for a 4-4 finish. That was nothing compared to Langley Manor O-40s, who trailed BTC O-40s 5-0 yet ended up with an unlikely point from an amazing 6-6 draw!

## Late show

**THE** big Premier tussle between the top two ended all square. But it looked as though Cadnam would take the points after Dan Gain put them 2-1 up in the 91st minute.

There was still time though, for Tom Moffatt to grab an equaliser.

In Senior 1, Sam Driscoll's double earned Q K Southampton Reserves a 2-2 draw at Burrage AFC.

AFC Gulf Western made hard work of defeating West Totton 2-1, while Montefiore's happy habit of winning by the odd goal continued with a 4-3 edging of Bishops Waltham, Cameron Gemmell at the double.

Simon Avery struck the only goal as Capital overcame gallant ten man Phoenix.

## Botley top

AFC Botley extended their lead at the top of Junior 3 with a 4-1 win at Wellow with Jack Collymore grabbing a brace.

In Junior 4, the top clash paired AFC Station with New Forest and it finished all square.

The dropped points allowed Mitre to go top on the back of their 3-2 win at AFC Nemesis.

## Ellis brace

**TWO** Junior 5 goals from Ellis Fields helped BTC Southampton A defeat Braishfield Res 3-2.

**Vets A** leaders BTC lost 3-1 at Hedge End Rangers while reigning champions Colden Common got back to winning ways with a 2-1 win at Follands.

**B division** Michelmersh & Timsbury completed back to back wins over Royal Mail, Tim Pragnell with the only goal.



**HUMBLE PLUMB:** Back row, left to right: Bill Reeve, Sean Kelly, Stephen Spanner, Chris Kelly, Andy Noble-Forcey, Mark Bettinson. Front: Damian Gailor, Steve Byrne, Ian Isaac, Peter MacAllum, Gary Miller.

# LOWFORD CLAIM MASSIVE SCALP

**THERE** were first victories of the season for a number of struggling Drew Smith League teams who defied the odds to change their fortunes last weekend.

Pride of place goes to Lowford, struggling at the foot of Junior 1 and taking on leaders Chamberlayne, who had won all their previous league games.

There was an early warning as Lowford went 3-1 up but the shock looked over as Chamberlayne recovered to 3-3 with Billy Cozens netting a treble.

But Nick Kellaway had the last say, scoring the fourth for Lowford to complete his own hat-trick.

Nursling got their wins tally up and running with an impressive 4-0 win at Netley Central thanks to a commanding central midfield display from Andy Neary.

His midfield control enabled Dan Smith, Chris Elder, the prolific Wade Wilson and centre back

Martin McNeill to score.

In the Vets, seasonal whipping boys Redbridge OB had a great 5-1 victory over Compton with Andy Hughes netting a hat-trick.

Junior 6 whipping boys Michelmersh & Timsbury A showed their cup success of the previous week was no fluke by taking that form into league action.

They won 5-4 at Hamble United Reserves with a treble from Cameron Marsh.

In Junior 3, Otterbourne A got their first three points from a 4-1 win against AFC Testwood, Jordan Prince scoring twice.

Comrades Reserves got their Senior 1 tally off the ground with a 3-1 win at BTC Reserves. FC Wellington edged Langley Manor 2-1 for their first win.

Locks Heath's 4-2 win over Baddesley Park included a brace from Mark Peach to get their show on the road.

What price a first win for Humble Plumb Vets? Not this time but perhaps they can take heart from the aforementioned teams.

They suffered again, this time at the feet of Bishops Waltham Dynamo, who inflicted their highest defeat so far, 17-0.

Dave Aldridge struck a magnificent seven goals while Stuart Robinson weighed in with four.

Humble were not alone in their suffering as Bishopstoke WMC were mullered 12-1 by Comrades in the Premier.

There were hat-tricks for James Saunders, Mike Randall and Matt Spraggs.

Nyall O'Connor and Elliott Walker shared six goals for Chandlers Ford as they gave Osborne an 8-1 hiding. Ben Goodridge struck four times as Sporting BTC Vets won 8-2 at RS Winchester.

Carlo Downie did likewise in Redlynch's 7-0 victory at Sporting's O-40 team.

Danny Gettings grabbed a nap hand as Hythe Aztecs won 10-1 at Woolston.

Hiltingbury Reserves won 6-2 at Harefield Reserves with Sam Piper hitting a hat-trick.

In Junior 5, White Horse inflicted a first defeat on Waltham Wolves with new signing Dan Foot at the double.

In Senior 1 Solent Saints hit Durley Reserves for six without reply, Miki Dennahy netting a hat-trick.

In the Senior League Cup, BTC thrashed Riverside 8-1.

Kev Betlam hit a hat-trick and Lee Osborne would have joined him but for a missed penalty.

In the Junior League Cup, Compton were 6-1 victors over Thompson with Jamie Ricketts a hat-trick hero.

In the Sdfa Senior Cup, Hedge End Town's flirtation is over after a 10-1 mauling by AFC Totton.

Harefield put up a good fight before losing 1-0 at Romsey Reserves and AFC Grains excelled but went out 1-0 at Eastleigh Reserves on Monday night.

Athletico Romsey became the first team through to the Sdfa B Cup semi finals with a 5-2 verdict over Upham Reserves.



# Non-league Football

## Shellard bags a draw for Glen

IN City of Southampton League fixtures, Junior 1 saw highflying Glen draw 1-1 with HSC Southern Stars with a goal from Craig Shellard.

Meanwhile, in Junior 2 Riverside Athletic secured their second win of the season 1-0 over LH Galaxy. Adam Cannon was on target.

Junior 4 saw Ithen Saints compound their spot as league leaders as the destroyed Shelds 11-3. A quintet of braces from Jamie Wilson, Jamie Martin, Danny Phillips, Tom

Whitemore, Jack Garrett and a single from Connor Wilson secured victory. Wayne Atkins (2) and Nathan Gray responded.

AFC Gulf Western's 100 per cent start ended as they suffered a crushing 4-0 defeat to Carnival UK. Gary Crook, Mark Alpin, Sam Homewood scored and an own goal rounded off.

Matthew Hawkes' hat-trick helped Hedge End Rangers lift off the bottom with a 3-2 win over Durley. Matthew Darling and Mike

Church replied.

Roll Call battered Sherfield English Reserves to keep the pressure on at the top of the league. Craig Lyons scored four, Mark Williams and Patrick Goode also netted.

Test Valley Spartans and Ithen Albion played out an astonishing 4-4 draw. Goals from Lee Wilkinson (2) and Tristan Beach (2) for Albion, Jack Edgerley, Scott Dyer, Tony Kerton and Craig Renwick responded for Spartans.

Another high scoring

draw was played out by Burrage AFC and Portside with the former remaining rock bottom. Richard Becheley, Dave Middleton and Ricky Sharp scored for the basement boys before Luke Chambers, David Fitzpatrick and Jack Medhurst clawed back.

Bannister Park stopped Cherbourg heading to the top of the league as Michael Carr, Phillip Male and Daniel Doyle netted in a 4-2 win. Lee Hanson and Brad Taylor responded.

Junior 6 saw Curbridge keep top spot with a 7-1 win over AFC Bishopstoke Reserves. Jack Buss (2), Liam Slade (2), Pete Jacobs, Glenn Littleboy and Tom Evans scored. Andy McKellar responded.

Lee Gallop scored twice as AFC Phoenix beat JSC 2-0 and Athletico Totton suffered a 9-1 demolition at the hands of Sport Compass. Adam Hague bagged a hat-trick, James Harvey got two and Adam Tahir, Nick Pompa, Stuart Griffin and Jack O'Sullivan

scored.

Bitterne Ducks dropped their first points of the season in Junior 7 after a 2-2 with Riverside Park Rangers. Toby Withey gave the top side the lead before Glen Bennett and John Calloway replied in the second half.

Meanwhile, in the other only other game in the division Matt Bosanquet (2) and Alan Thompson scored for Mottisfont as they beat Netley RBL 3-2. Aaron Evans and Harrison Martin replied.

## Nine goals for Sholing

**SHOLING United were the top scorers in a first round of the Southampton & District Sunday League Cup.**

**They were 3-0 up at the break and eventually put nine without reply past C&G.**

**Grant Porter and Nick Watts both claimed four goals each and their was one for Greg Ainsworth.**

**A Mike Tickner hat-trick powered AFC Allbrook to a 5-2 win over Holbury United.**

**Matt Freemantle and Clive Radford netted the other goals for Allbrook, while Damien Davies and Ben Graff were on target for the hosts.**

**The remaining cup game from last weekend saw Roll Call smash Otter FC 6-1. Mike Phillips netted Otter's consolation, while Ricky Bull, Dan Veal and four goals from Matt Burt saw Roll Call cruise into the next round.**

## Goal-feast for Anchor

**THERE were no Southampton & District Sunday League Division 1 games last weekend, but there was a stunning result in Division 2 as AFC Anchor put 25 goals past Chamberlayne Athletic. There were five goals each from Terry Copeland and Daniel Reilly and four each for Danny Smith and Oli Townsend.**

**David Babey, Craig Green and William Hunt all bagged a brace and Steve Johnson got the other.**

**The only other result from the division last weekend saw AFC West End pick up a 5-3 away win at Trants.**

**Craig Harding (2), James Gill, Tom Millar and Nathan Paddick got the goals for the visitors.**

## Medcalf's hat-trick

**IN the Charlie Godden Trophy first round, Linden Tree downed Totton Town 6-2. Russ Medcalf continued his fine form with a hat-trick and Paul Myburgh and Alex Sheath scored two apiece.**

**In the only other match Adam Smith and Craig Dowling were on target as Chamberlayne Athletic drew 2-2 with Bridge AFC. Rob Elder and Wayne O'Dell scored for Bridge.**



### SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY:

Back row, left to right: Dan McDonnell, Mike Medici, Craig Elliot, Edley Metzger, James Mansfield, George Mortley, Tom Courtney, Richard Amofa. Front row: Luke Benali, Dan Carr, Tom Moffat, Ben Paterson, Jack Parker, Ollie Rose, Matt Powell.

# ROVERS ROUTED

**THE first round of the DR Ryder Trophy saw Junior 1 big guns Obelisk obliterate Junior 3 leaders Landguard Rovers 13-1.**

Five goals from Lee Ryves, a hat-trick from Alex Arnold along with goals from Damon Chance, Brandon Williams, Ryan McDermott, Sam Wyeth and Declan Weaver won the match. Nick Skolsky replied.

AFC Bursledon demolished Junior 2 whipping boys Fleming Sports 9-0.

A Lewis Crook hat rick, a brace

from Sean Nutbeen and goals from Ben Dashwood, Ellis Walkton, Adam Barrett and Ricky Dugdale completed the rout.

FC Railway delivered a similar score line as they trashed Sky Blue 9-2. Brad Snelling responded.

AFC Southbrook continued their fine start, after four wins in four in Junior 6, by beating New Bridge 6-2 through a hat-trick from Mark Christopher along with two from John Durman and one from Ashley Windridge. Callum Brown scored two in reply.

Strugglers King George scraped past fellow Junior 3 side AFC

Velmore through David North, Nathan Rose and a Mark Phillips double. Darren Street and Jamie Johnson (2) responded.

Chartwell Green Reserves comfortably beat Athletico Tin Hut 3-0. Craig Mew scored and Liam Mew bagged a double.

AFC Riverside beat Lokomotiv Eastleigh 3-1. Ben Johnson replied.

AV Chivas continued their torrid start to the campaign with 4-1 loss to RS Ocean Village. Rob Longman, John Longman, Scott Robers and Brett Hall scored. Harry Hayes responded.

And there were two games that

went all the way to penalty shootouts.

Boyatt Wood Wanderers saw off AFC Bishopstoke 4-2 on penalties after it finished 1-1. Jason Farmer and Chris Bremble scored in normal time. Sam Drummond, Stuart Gooch, Dave Loch and Alan Woodhouse were on target from the spot. Bremble and Peter Sherlock netted from 12 yards in reply.

Royale Marine suffered a 4-2 loss in extra time. Two goals from Leo Norman and goals from Pete Barlow and Andrew Debnam won it. Dave Randall and Ashton Schorah responded.

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# Youth Football



**BATTLE:** This pic and left, action from Tauntons v Basingstoke  
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## Winch get a home draw

WINCHESTER College have landed a home draw in the third round of the Boodles ISFA Cup as a reward for their 4-2 win over Tonbridge.

They will host Hammersmith-based Latymer Upper on Tuesday November 12.

Winchester goalkeeper Robin Richards pulled off a string of fine saves, while top scorer Nico Sollohub (2), George Herring and Harry Hands grabbed the goals which put WC through to the last 16 of the national independent school competition.

## Boys go to Gillingham

SOUTHAMPTON Boys visited six-goal North Dorset in round two of the ESFA PlayStation Under-15 Trophy at Gillingham School this morning.

North Dorset slammed Portsmouth 6-2 in round one, while Southampton enjoyed a walkover when 2013 quarter-finalists Poole withdrew from the competition.

Gosport & Fareham are already through to round three of the ESFA Trophy after beating Brighton 1-0 under the Privett Park floodlights.

Southampton beat Gosport & Fareham 4-3 in the Charlton League last weekend.



**PENALTY:** Dempsey Foreman gets into the penalty area and, right, scores from the spot.  
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# ITCH

**ITCHEN strengthened their stranglehold on the Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges League with a 2-1 win over Bournemouth.**

But it's their showdown with Portsmouth at the Sailing Centre, off Eastern Road, next Wednesday that could hold the key to this season's fortunes, *writes MIKE VIMPANY.*

The perennial champions have won all four games now, but improving Portsmouth are one point behind on the log, having won three out of four.

Portsmouth, one of several soccer academies in the Sixth Form League, were beaten finalists in last season's Peter Munro Cup.

Itchen had to grind out their win over Bournemouth in a match that, possibly because of the soggy conditions, never rose to any great height.

Coby Wilson gave Itchen the lead and soon after had a second disallowed for a push in the back.

An offside flag denied Jack Helyar a potential equaliser – he was deemed to have been offside when a low free-kick by his brother Harry was beaten out – the disappointment doubling when Matt Hubbard scored Itchen's second.

Kieron Parrett drilled home a fierce left-foot shot to trim Itchen's lead, but time ran out on Bournemouth.

Second placed Portsmouth had their game with St Vincent called off.

Sparsholt, beaten 3-2 by Itchen recently, beat injury hit Bournemouth & Poole, who

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# Youth Football



**LIFT OFF:** Abel Sarmento Carneiro de Almeida takes to the air to avoid a Basingstoke challenge and, inset, an aerial battle.

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## LOOKING GOOD



were left to rue a missed first half penalty. Abel Samento Carneiro de Almeida is a student name the lecturers at Richard Taunton College just love writing out when they do end of term assessments. He's happy to be known as Abel and let his boots do the talking on the soccer field. Abel celebrated his first RTC hat-trick in

the 9-0 demolition of Basingstoke at Hill Lane.

Ryan Fuller and Dempsey Foreman both got doubles, while Callum Drake and Rhys Ferguson also hit the target.

Farnborough lit the fuse with an early goal at Chesnut Avenue, but had Barton Peveril snapping at their heels before

clinching a 5-3 win. James Thomas delivered the cross which was deflected into the BP goal by James Sampson to give Boro' that early advantage, but after a period of domination Ben Gurman put the Eastleigh side on level terms right on half-time.

A Jordan Watkins header restored Farnborough's lead in the second half, but the player went from hero to zero soon afterwards by conceding a penalty from which Sampson redeemed himself with BP's second equaliser.

Debut striker Cameron Aughterson made it 3-2 to Farnborough with a neat header before Liam Powell extended the visitors' lead by finishing off a well worked move.

Barton refused to lie down and scored a third themselves with an exquisite finish by Josh Jellis, but as they pushed for the equaliser so Farnborough caught them on the break and Aughterson grabbed his second.

South Downs, clearly a handful on their day, proved too strong for Queen Mary's, beating the Basingstoke college 4-1 through a Stanley Edwards brace and singles from Keiran Hammond and Max Kinahan.

Alton halted a three-match losing sequence when they trimmed Havant 3-1 with Richard Dane, Marcus Browne and Dan Mellors scoring the goals.

**Wednesday's fixtures:** Basingstoke v Alton, Bournemouth v Sparsholt, Brockenhurst v South Downs, Farnborough v St Vincent/Gosport, Havant v Poole Grammar, Portsmouth v Itchen (Sailing Centre), Queen Mary's v Barton Peveril, Tauntons v Peter Symonds.

## Tournament success for Saints girls

**SOUTHAMPTON Saints Girls & Ladies FC** dominated several age groups at last weekend's pre-season tournament held by Winchester & District Girls Football League at the Garrison Ground Winchester.

Saints' under-10s took part in their first competitive matches and got all the way to the final.

The cruised through their group and then beat Winchester in the semi-final, only finding Petersfield too strong in the final as they lost 1-0.

The club is currently seeking a manager for this bright young team and there still remain a few opportunities to join the team itself.

The under-11s, unbeaten last season, are playing up and age group this season, but made light of the jump up in class.

They lost their first game 1-0 to Boscombe Albion, but then grew in belief and were unbeaten in the rest of their group games.

A 1-0 win over Warsah in the semi-final set them up with a final against Winchester.

There was nothing to separate the sides in normal time but, in extra time, Saints found a breakthrough when Larissa White fired home from close range to get the under-11s their first win in the under-12 age group.

Saints' under-12s saw goals from Kia Anteney, Jennifer King and Simge Rosz secure them four wins and four draws in their group. Despite being the only team not to concede a single goal the under-12s came third in their group, narrowly missing out on a place in the semis.

Saints' under-14s had a very strong start, beating Alresford Town 4-0, however their next match saw them lose to Portsmouth Ladies 1-0.

They bounced back to win two consecutive games against Chamberlayne and Widbrook and then draw against Winchester Blacks and Crofton Saints. That took them to the semis, where they beat Boscombe Albion on penalties.

And Saints were victorious in the final too, against Winchester Reds.

In the under-16 age group Saints entered two teams, Rangers and Rovers.

Rovers got off to a slow start, losing to Portsmouth Ladies team, and, while they recovered from this and improved with every game, they didn't quite get enough points to take them beyond the group stage.

Rangers, however, were unbeaten in their matches and finished top of the group.

In the semi-final they beat Portsmouth Ladies and then went on to beat Winchester Flyers Reds in the final 1-0.



## Did You Know?

### Hampshire players' Ashes record

#### Kevin Pietersen

	M	In	NO	Rns	HS.	Av	100s	50s
2005	5	10	1	473	158	52.55	1	3
2006/07	5	10	1	490	158	54.44	1	3
2009	2	4	0	153	69	38.25	0	1
Ttl	12	24	2	1116	158	50.70	2	7

#### John Crawley

	M	In	NO	Rns	HS.	Av	100s	50s
2002/03	3	6	2	162	69*	40.50	0	1

#### Alan Mullally

	M	In	NO	Rns	HS.	Av	100s	50s
2001	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2001	M	Wkts	Ave	BB				
	1	2	49.50	1-34				

#### David Gower

	M	In	NO	Rns	HS.	Av	100s	50s
1990/91	5	10	1	407	123	45.22	2	1

#### Robin Smith

	M	In	NO	Rns	HS.	Av	100s	50s
1989	5	10	1	553	143	61.44	2	3
1990/91	5	10	2	238	58	29.75	0	2
1993	5	10	0	283	86	28.30	0	2
Ttl	15	30	3	1074	143	39.78	2	7

#### George Brown

	M	In	NO	Rns	HS.	Av	100s	50s
1921	3	5	0	250	84	50.00	0	2

#### Lord Tennyson

	M	In	NO	Rns	HS.	Av	100s	50s
1921	4	5	1	229	74*	57.25	0	3

#### Phil Mead

	M	In	NO	Rns	HS.	Av	100s	50s
1911/12	4	6	1	105	46	21.00	0	0
1921	2	2	1	229	182*	229.00	1	0
1928/29	1	2	0	81	73	40.50	0	1
Ttl	7	10	2	415	182*	51.875	1	1

#### CB Fry

	M	In	NO	Rns	HS.	Av	100s	50s
1909	3	6	2	140	62	35.00	0	1
1912	6	8	0	200	79	25.00	0	1
Ttl	9	14	2	340	79	28.33	0	2

#### Teddy Wynyard

	M	In	NO	Rns	HS.	Av	100s	50s
1896	1	2	0	13	10	6.50	0	0

● Sir Ian Botham is convinced England retain the upper hand heading into this winter's return Ashes series.

● England overcame Australia 3-0 on home soil in the summer but in a fashion far less convincing than many had predicted beforehand.

● Australia also grew in confidence as the series went on and the contest Down Under, which starts next month, is expected to be more evenly fought.

● Botham, pictured, the former England all-rounder and Ashes hero, said: "The summer was a good series, England deserved to win.

● "I don't think it was the most entertaining Test series, apart from the first Test, but England won 3-0 and they will take the momentum down there. They haven't done too badly. They won 3-0 - it is not England that need to learn lessons."



# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

# HAMPSHIRE ASHES

**MICHAEL Carberry's Ashes call-up has put him on course to complete a novel Hampshire XI.**

At present, ten men have played Test cricket for England against Australia while at Hampshire.

Co-incidentally, the 'team' were short of an opening batsman.

That means Carberry will provide the missing link if he makes his debut in this winter's historic Ashes bid.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at the ten men who Carberry is aiming to follow.

#### Kevin Pietersen (2005, 2006/07, 2009)

Kevin Pietersen made his test debut in the first test of the 2005 Ashes series.

Despite England losing convincingly at Lords, Pietersen took the fight to the Australians scoring half centuries in both innings.

His 158 in the final test not only sealed the Ashes for England, but also his position as leading run scorer on either side.

Although England were humiliated in the following series, Pietersen's performances, including another 158, gave the Barmy Army something to cheer as he finished once again as England's leading run scorer.

Injury cut Pietersen's final Ashes series as a Hampshire player short in 2009. In the two tests he played, he could only manage one half century, a 69 in the first test at Cardiff, and averaged under 40.

#### John Crawley (2002/03)

As a Hampshire player, John Crawley made three appearances in the 2002/03 Ashes series.

In the first test, his 69\* helped the tourists reach 325 in response to Australia's 492.

But a two-ball duck in the second innings summed up England's batting display as they were bowled out for 79, 384 runs short of victory.

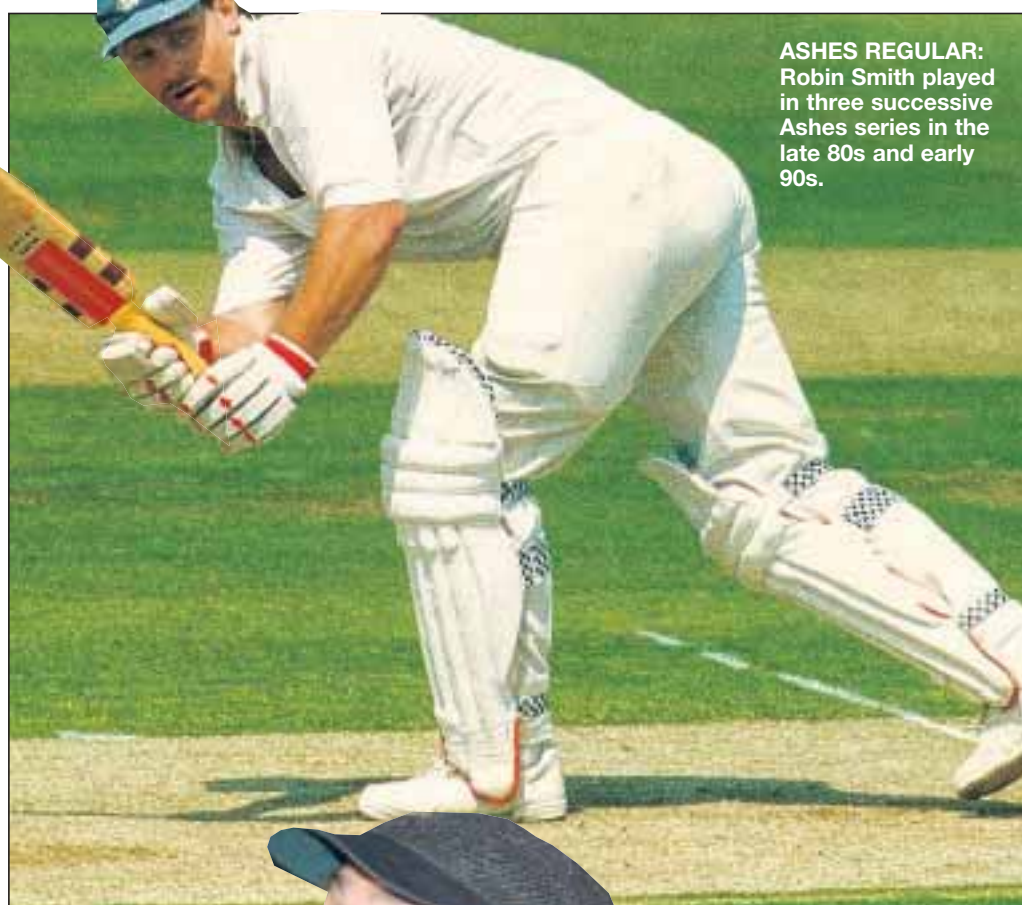
Injury kept him out until the fourth test, by which point, the Aussies had retained the urn.

#### Alan Mullally (2001)

By the time Alan Mullally was drafted into the squad for his only Ashes test as a Hampshire player, England had lost the series going into the fourth test at Headingley.

While Mark Butcher's 173 not out inspired the Three Lions to victory, Mullally only managed two wickets in the match and was dropped for the final test, ending his international career.

#### David Gower (1990/91)



**ASHES REGULAR:** Robin Smith played in three successive Ashes series in the late 80s and early 90s.



#### HAMPSHIRE ASHES LINKS: Kevin Pietersen, left, and Alan Mullally, above

Former England captain David Gower was at Hampshire at the end of his career, but was still called upon to play in the Ashes series of 1990/91.

The left handed batsman played in all five tests and finished the series with two centuries and over 400 runs but was unable to inspire others with his form as England lost the series 3-0.

Despite his runs, his series will probably best be remembered for being fined £1,000 for flying a bi-plane over the ground where

England were playing a warm up match.

#### Robin Smith (1989, 1990/91, 1993)

The South African born batsman spent the entirety of his county career at Hampshire and represented his adopted country in three different Ashes series.

Despite some great form in his first series where he amassed over 550 runs and scored two centuries, Smith never managed to taste victory in an Ashes test match as

England went on a winless run that stretched 16 tests.

Smith was dropped for the final test of the 1993 series, a match England won by 161 runs.

#### Lord Tennyson (1921)

Lord Tennyson was a Hampshire player for all of his first-class career but only competed in the 1921 series.

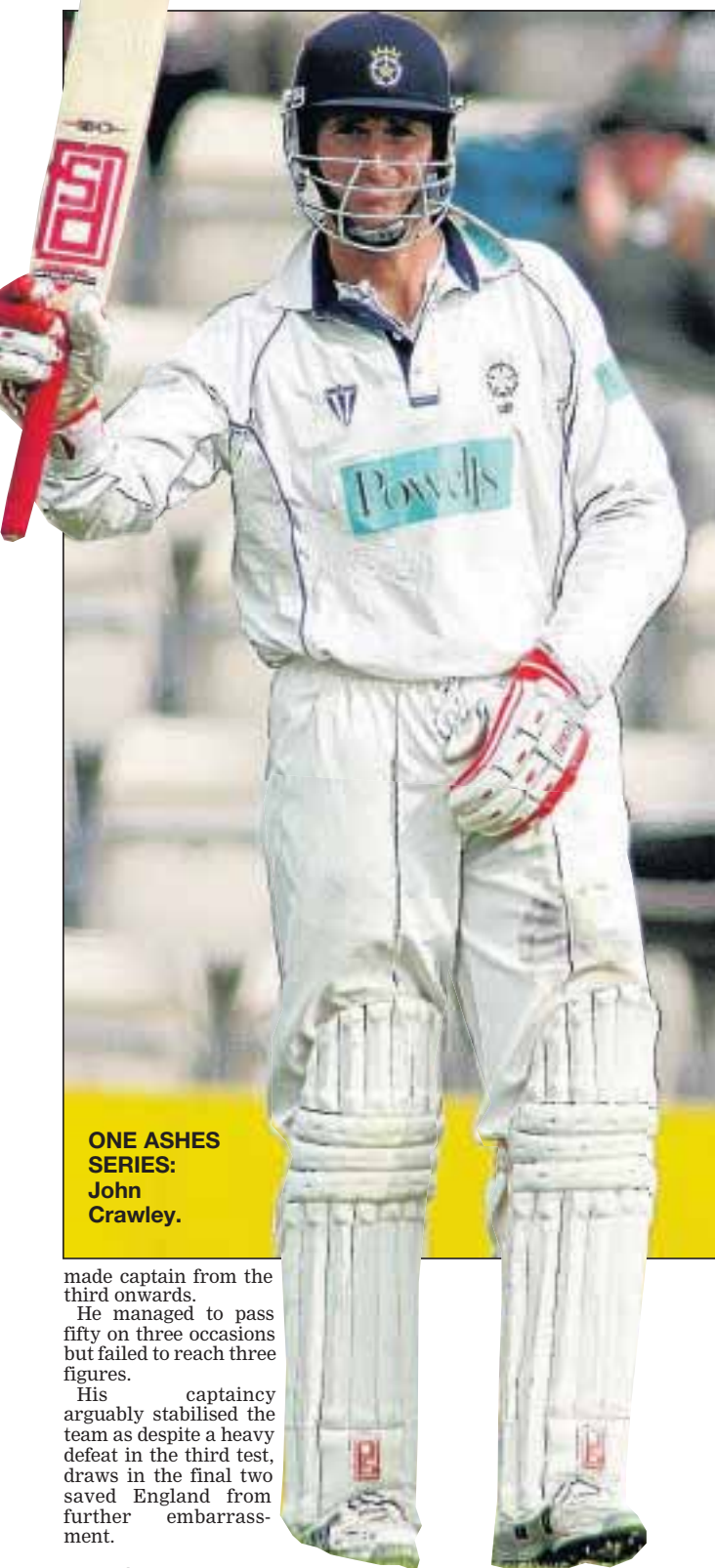
Despite not being selected for the first test, he was brought into the squad for the second and bizarrely

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# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

## XI SPOT FOR CARBS



**ONE ASHES SERIES:**  
John Crawley.

made captain from the third onwards.

He managed to pass fifty on three occasions but failed to reach three figures.

His captaincy arguably stabilised the team as despite a heavy defeat in the third test, draws in the final two saved England from further embarrassment.

**George Brown (1921)**



**CB FRY**



**LORD TENNYSON**



**PHIL MEAD**

Tennyson's Hampshire teammate George Brown was drafted into the squad from the third test onwards in the 1921 series.

Scores of 57 and 46 in the third test were not enough to prevent defeat. However, his further reliability with the bat, which included an 84 in the fifth test, helped England draw the final two matches.



**Teddy Wynyard (1896)**

Teddy Wynyard became the first Hampshire player to play Ashes cricket when he played in the deciding test match of the 1896 series. Despite two low scores of 10 and 3, England won the match by 66 runs thus retaining the Ashes.

**Phil Mead (1911/12, 1921, 1928/29)**

Hampshire's all time leading run scorer Phil Mead's first and last Ashes appearances came 17 years apart.

Despite a modest performance in his first series, England strolled to a 4-1 success with Mead playing in four out of five tests.

He did not feature in the first series after the First World War where Australia won 5-0 but did return to the side for the 1921 series.

Although he played in two of the matches, he achieved 229 runs, the same total Lord Tennyson managed in twice as many matches.

His score of 182 not out in the final test was the largest by any player on either team.

Despite being selected for the first test of the 1928/29 series and scoring a half century in the second innings, Mead's performance was overshadowed by others as England recording the largest winning margin in test cricket, 675 runs.

He was dropped for the second test and never played international cricket again.

**C.B. Fry (1909, 1912)**

C.B. Fry's first taste of Ashes cricket while playing his trade at Hampshire ended in disappointment with a first innings duck in the opening test of the 1909 series.

However, a second innings 35 not out helped guide England to a ten wicket victory.

He was dropped for the second test defeat and although he returned for the third, he was unable to make double figures in either innings as England went 2-0 down.

He once again was dropped for the drawn fourth test, before being recalled for the finale where he made his only half-century of the series to help England to their only victory.

In 1912, he played in all six of England's matches in a triangular version of the Ashes which also included South Africa.

His only half century of this series came in the 'timeless match' against Australia at the Oval helping England win the test comfortably.

## Trott is all business

ENGLAND batsman Jonathan Trott has dismissed Australian attempts to unsettle him ahead of the return Ashes series this winter.

Trott was influential in the 2010/11 3-1 series success in Australia, with centuries in Adelaide and Melbourne.

The number three Warwickshire batsman made less of an impact in the recent 3-0 series win at home, making a best of 59 at The Oval.

Trott, pictured, said: "The Australians have made a few comments already and it's quite surprising, having lost 3-0, they want to make comments, challenges, and start making suggestions and statements about individuals."

"That's not the way we go about our business. We go about our business and I'll gladly take another boring 3-0."



## Support of ex-skipper

JONATHAN Trott has been backed to rediscover his form by former England captain Andrew Strauss.

The Warwickshire man has an impressive Test average of 47.39 from 48 matches, but only averaged 29.30 against the Aussies last summer.

"Jonathan's had such a meteoric rise through the England ranks and he's been so phenomenally consistent with his run-scoring that he was bound to have a slight dip at some stage," Strauss said.

"That was only to be expected. He's an incredibly high-quality performer. Those sort of guys don't tend to have two bad series in a row."

## First test will be key

FORMER Ashes winner Andrew Strauss believes the first Brisbane Test will be key to this winter's series.

"The first Test this time is going to be really, really crucial," he said.

"If England can win that one I think it will be incredibly hard for Australia to come back."

"Those opening salvos are going to be really, really important."

Australia lost 4-0 in India before the 3-0 defeat in the five-Test series in England, so momentum is against them.

"They've lost seven out of their last nine Test matches," Strauss, above, added.

"If they were to lose another one in Brisbane it's going to be pretty hard for them to win three of the four remaining Test matches to prise back the Ashes."

"It's a more important game for Australia than it is for England."



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## Did You Know?

## MOST TEST APPEARANCES

198 SR Tendulkar (India)	198
168 RT Ponting (Australia)	168
168 SR Waugh (Australia)	168
RS Dravid (India)	164
JH Kallis (South Africa)	162
AR Border (Australia)	156
S Chanderpaul (West Indies)	148
MV Boucher (South Africa)	147
SK Warne (Australia)	147
DPMD Jayawardene (Sri Lanka)	138
VVS Laxman (India)	134
M Muralitharan (Sri Lanka)	133
AJ Stewart (England)	133
A Kumble (India)	132
CA Walsh (West Indies)	132
Kapil Dev (India)	131
BC Lara (West Indies)	131
ME Waugh (Australia)	128
SM Gavaskar (India)	125
Javed Miandad (Pakistan)	124
GD McGrath (Australia)	124
IVA Richards (West Indies)	121
Inzamam-ul-Haq (Pakistan)	120
IA Healy (Australia)	119
GA Gooch (England)	118
DI Gower (England)	117
KC Sangakkara (Sri Lanka)	117
DL Haynes (West Indies)	116
DB Vengsarkar (India)	116
MA Atherton (England)	115
MC Cowdrey (England)	114
SC Ganguly (India)	113
DL Vettori (New Zealand)	112
SP Fleming (New Zealand)	111
WPUJC Vaas (Sri Lanka)	111
ST Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka)	110
CH Lloyd (West Indies)	110
GC Smith (South Africa)	110
G Boycott (England)	108
CG Greenidge (West Indies)	108
SM Pollock (South Africa)	108
DC Boon (Australia)	107
JL Langer (Australia)	105
V Sehwag (India)	104
MA Taylor (Australia)	104
Wasim Akram (Pakistan)	104
ML Hayden (Australia)	103
Saleem Malik (Pakistan)	103
IT Botham (England)	102
CL Hooper (West Indies)	102
Harbhajan Singh (India)	101
G Kirsten (South Africa)	101
M Ntini (South Africa)	101
AJ Strauss (England)	100
GP Thorpe (England)	100

## MOST TEST CENTURIES

51: SR Tendulkar (India)	1989/90-2012/13
44: JH Kallis (S Africa)	1995/96-2012/13
41: RT Ponting (Aus)	1995/96-2012/13
36: RS Dravid (India)	1996-2011/12
34: SM Gavaskar (India)	1970/71-1986/87
34: BC Lara (W Indies)	1990/91-2006/07
33: KC Sangakkara (SL)	2000-2012/13
32: SR Waugh (Aus)	1985/86-2003/04
31: DPMD Jayawardene (SL)	1997-2012/13
30: ML Hayden (Aus)	1993/94-2008/09
29: DG Bradman (Aus)	1928/29-1948
28: S Chanderpaul (WI)	1993/94-2012/13
27: AR Border (Aus)	1978/79-1993/94
26: GS Sobers (WI)	1953/54-1973/74
26: GC Smith (SA)	2001/02-2012/13
25: Inzamam-ul-Haq (Pak)	1992-2007/08
25: AN Cook (England)	2005/06-2013
24: GS Chappell (Aus)	1970/71-1983/84
24: IVA Richards (WI)	1974/75-1991
24: Mohammad Yousuf (Pak)	1997/98-2010
24: MJ Clarke (Aus)	2004/05-2013
23: Javed Miandad (Pak)	1976/77-1993/94
23: JL Langer (Aus)	1992/93-2006/07
23: V Sehwag (India)	2001/02-2012/13
23: KP Pietersen (Eng)	2005-2013
22: WR Hammond (Eng)	1927/28-1946/47
22: MC Cowdrey (Eng)	1954/55-1974/75
22: G Boycott (Eng)	1964-1981/82
22: M Azharuddin (India)	1984/85-1999/00
22: Yousif Khan (Pak)	1999/00-2013
21: RN Harvey (Aus)	1947/48-1962/63
21: DC Boon (Aus)	1984/85-1995/96
21: G Kirsten (SA)	1993/94-2003/04
21: AJ Strauss (Eng)	2004-2012
20: KF Barrington (Eng)	1955-1968
20: GA Gooch (Eng)	1975-1994/95
20: PA de Silva (Sri Lanka)	1984-2002
20: ME Waugh (Aus)	1990/91-2002/03
20: IR Bell (England)	2004-2013

## ENGLAND CRICKET -- ENGLAND CRICKET -- ENGLAND

Brilliant and brash  
in equal measure

## KEVIN Pietersen will forever divide opinion.

As he approaches his 100th Test for England in the opening game of the 2013/14 Ashes next month, there will still be those who cannot forgive his brashness and yet just as many others who will never forget his brilliance, *writes DAVID CLOUGH.*

That has been the trade-off England accepted from the moment they decided, to their significant advantage back in 2005, to provide a 'home' for the South Africa-born batsman's international ambition.

Whether the England and Wales Cricket Board could have foreseen the extremes to which Pietersen would go is a moot point.

The stand-offs with management could perhaps have been broadly predicted for a complex, curious character who had 'previous' in South Africa and Nottinghamshire.

When you have a match-winner, though, allowances will inevitably be made - and almost 8,000 Test runs at above 48 an innings, including 23 centuries, is pretty good currency for any successful gambler.

The pay-off could have come in rands rather than pounds had Pietersen not become frustrated with the quota system and therefore quit South Africa, on a point of principle made all the more pressing for him by vested interest.

## Slogger

He swapped Natal for the Birmingham League initially, fired by an apparently unshakeable teenage belief in his own ability - in defiance of nascent career statistics more in keeping with a journeyman off-spinner who could also biff a few down the order.

It was in the west midlands that Pietersen first met future international team-mate Ian Bell.

In later years, supreme stylist Bell would admit his first impressions were merely of a "slogger".

Despite Pietersen's subsequent standing as the most gifted England batsman of his generation, it is not difficult to credit that initial reaction of a man alongside whom he would make so many Test runs. Technically, Pietersen is an oddity.

His favoured foot movement largely comprises a lurch forward, or even walking at the seamers.

To reach scoring opportunities wide of off-stump, there is often no conventional movement in the right direction. But Pietersen's brilliant eye, 6ft 4in stature and long arms not only get him out of trouble but allow him to dominate Test bowlers like few others can.

Force of personality has played its part too, of course - on and off the pitch.

Pietersen can turn matches, series even -



DIVIDES OPINION: Kevin Pietersen.

notable mainly for the infrequency of matches he was available to play.

In the international limelight, between the centuries, have come the disagreements and controversies.

Pietersen's tenure as England captain lasted barely five months before his power struggle with coach Peter Moores saw both forced out of office.

Three years later, Pietersen had played his part in England's historic Ashes victory in Australia - their first down under in almost a quarter-of-a-century - and helped Andy Flower and Andrew Strauss' team to the top of the world Test rankings.

When he then fell out with management again, it was perceived by many as a case of one individual wanting everything his own way.

The full facts are unpublished and known properly by relatively few.

It is a matter of record, though, that something approaching the best and worst of Pietersen was in evidence at Headingley in August 2012.

He lit up Leeds with an audacious

and occasionally simply bat on a different plane to anyone around him.

Yet that same bravado can lead him into trouble too, at the crease and away from it.

At the Oval in 2005, his seat-of-the-pants maiden century memorably clinched the Ashes against the combined world-class threat of Glenn McGrath, Brett Lee and Shane Warne.

In Mumbai last November, Pietersen's batsmanship was beyond compare in a masterly 186 from only 233 balls as he energised a double-century stand with Alastair Cook, on a spinners' pitch which made mere survival the benchmark for most.

Pietersen's best innings are triumphs of will as well as skill, and it is the former which has brought confrontation away from bat against ball.

His relationship with Nottinghamshire became vexed, and five years at Hampshire were

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# CRICKET -- ENGLAND CRICKET -- ENGLAND CRICKET



**SKIPPERS:** Pietersen celebrates winning the Ashes with Andrew Strauss, top, and with former Hampshire teammate Shane Warne.

manding hundred, at times treating world-beating Dale Steyn and his South Africa pace partner Morne Morkel like net bowlers. Then, however, came the sting in the tail with an astounding and spectacularly ill-judged man-of-the-match

press conference.

It is simplistic, and almost certainly wrong, to depict Pietersen as the sole culprit in the breakdown of his working relationship with Strauss, Flower and team-mates.

But revelations of texts - 'derogatory' or 'provocative', depending on the source - to opposition players, and compatriots by birth, escalated the profile of contractual differences with his employers.

## Comical contrast

Eight poisonous weeks followed, during which Strauss retired, before another bizarre press conference in Colombo where Pietersen's monosyllabic contrition and ECB chairman Giles Clarke's bombast provided a comical set-piece contrast.

Peace has since broken out, uneasy perhaps at first, but apparently more substantial under new captain Cook after Pietersen's Mumbai heroics.

He continues to set his sights on 10,000 Test runs, by definition therefore professing a long-term commitment to England's cause.

It is hard to imagine nonetheless that the remainder of Pietersen's international career will be any less brilliant, or brash, than its eight turbulent years to date.

## Did You Know?

### MOST TEST RUNS

	M	Inn	Rns	HS	Av	100
S Tendulkar	198	327	15837	248*	53.86	51
R Ponting	168	287	13378	257	51.85	41
R Dravid	164	286	13288	270	52.31	36
J Kallis	162	274	13128	224	56.10	44
B Lara	131	232	11953	400*	52.88	34
A Border	156	265	11174	205	50.56	27
S Waugh	168	260	10927	200	51.06	32
S Chanderpaul	148	251	10830	203*	51.81	28
D Jayawardene	138	232	10806	374	49.56	31
K Sangakkara	117	200	10486	287	56.98	33
SM Gavaskar	125	214	10122	236*	51.12	34
GA Gooch	118	215	8900	333	42.58	20
Javed Miandad	124	189	8832	280*	52.57	23
Inzamam-ul-Haq	120	200	8830	329	49.60	25
VVS Laxman	134	225	8781	281	45.97	17
GC Smith	110	192	8753	277	48.62	26
ML Hayden	103	184	8625	380	50.73	30
V Sehwag	104	180	8586	319	49.34	23
IVA Richards	121	182	8540	291	50.23	24
AJ Stewart	133	235	8463	190	39.54	15
DI Gower	117	204	8231	215	44.25	18
G Boycott	108	193	8114	246*	47.72	22
GS Sobers	93	160	8032	365*	57.78	26
ME Waugh	128	209	8029	153*	41.81	20
KP Pietersen	99	171	7887	227	48.38	23
AN Cook	97	173	7801	294	47.85	25

### MOST TEST DOUBLE TONS

DG Bradman	1930-1947/48	12
BC Lara	1992/93-2006/07	9
KC Sangakkara	2001/02-2011/12	8
WR Hammond	1928/29-1938	7
Javed Miandad	1976/77-1988/89	6
MS Atapattu	1997/98-2004	6
DPMD Jayawardene	1998/99-2009/10	6
V Sehwag	2003/04-2009/10	6
SR Tendulkar	1999/00-2010/11	6
RT Ponting	2002/03-2011/12	6
RS Dravid	2000/01-2003/04	5



## DOUBLE HISTORY

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### MOST ODI RUNS IN HISTORY

	M	Inn	Rns	HS	Av	100
SR Tendulkar	463	452	18426	200*	44.83	49
RT Ponting	375	365	13704	164	42.03	30
ST Jayasuriya	445	433	13430	189	32.36	28
KC Sangakkara	354	331	11798	169	39.99	16
Inzamam	378	350	11739	137*	39.52	10
JH Kallis	321	307	11498	139	45.26	17
SC Ganguly	311	300	11363	183	41.02	22
D Jayawardene	404	378	11354	144	33.39	16
RS Dravid	344	318	10889	153	39.16	12
BC Lara	299	289	10405	169	40.48	19
M Yousuf	288	273	9720	141*	41.71	15
AC Gilchrist	287	279	9619	172	35.89	16
M Azharuddin	334	308	9378	153*	36.92	7
PA de Silva	308	296	9284	145	34.90	11
Saeed Anwar	247	244	8824	194	39.21	20
S Chanderpaul	268	251	8778	150	41.60	11
CH Gayle	254	249	8743	153*	37.68	21
DL Haynes	238	237	8648	152*	41.37	17
MS Atapattu	268	259	8529	132*	37.57	11
ME Waugh	244	236	8500	173	39.35	18
V Sehwag	251	245	8273	219	35.05	15
Yuvraj Singh	283	261	8218	139	36.85	13
HH Gibbs	248	240	8094	175	36.13	21
SP Fleming	280	269	8037	134*	32.40	8
TM Dilshan	267	242	7643	160*	37.46	17
MJ Clarke	232	211	7581	130	45.12	8

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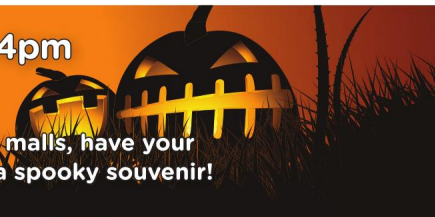
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Wishers 18	Howson 70
Ozil 58, Ramsey 83	Att 6,009
HT 1-0	
<b>Chelsea</b> .....4	<b>Cardiff</b> .....1
Hazard 33,82	Mutch 10
Eto o 66, Oscar 78	Att 41,475
HT 1-1	
<b>Everton</b> .....2	<b>Hull</b> .....1
Mirallas 8, Planaer 57	Sagbo 30
HT 1-1	Att 38,828
<b>Man Utd</b> .....1	<b>SAINTS</b> .....1
van Persie 26	Lovren 89
HT 1-0	Att 75,220
<b>Newcastle</b> .....2	<b>Liverpool</b> .....2
Cabaye 23	Gerrard 42 pen
Dummett 57	Sturridge 72
HT 1-1	Att 51,703
<b>Stoke</b> .....0	<b>W.B.A.</b> .....0
HT 0-0	Att 25,904
<b>Swansea</b> .....4	<b>Sunderland</b> .....0
Bardsley 57 og, de Guzman 58	
Bony 64 pen, Chico 80	Att 20,245
HT 0-0	
<b>West Ham</b> .....L	<b>Man City</b> .....L
HT L-L	

	HOME										AWAY														
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Arsenal	8	3	0	1	9	5	3	1	0	9	4	19	Leyton O	12	5	0	1	6	5	1	0	15	3	32	
Chelsea	8	4	0	0	10	2	1	2	1	4	3	17	Peterboro	12	5	0	1	8	4	5	1	0	16	4	31
Liverpool	8	3	0	1	5	2	2	1	0	5	17	Wolves	11	4	1	1	12	5	4	1	0	9	2	26	
SAINTS	8	2	2	0	6	1	2	1	1	3	2	15	Preston	12	3	2	1	9	6	3	2	1	10	7	22
Everton	8	3	1	0	6	3	1	2	1	6	7	15	Bradford	12	4	1	1	14	4	2	2	2	7	6	21
Man City	7	4	0	0	13	2	0	1	2	4	6	13	Swindon	12	5	1	0	14	4	1	1	4	8	9	20
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<b>Barnsley</b> .....3	<b>Middlesbro</b> .....2
McCourt 26	Adomah 82,84
O Grady 41,43 pen	Att 11,438
HT 3-0	
<b>Blackburn</b> .....0	<b>Charlton</b> .....1
HT 0-1	Church 7
<b>Blackpool</b> .....1	<b>Wigan</b> .....0
Ince 24 pen	Att 13,915
HT 1-0	
<b>Bolton</b> .....1	<b>Sheff Wed</b> .....1
Beodford 16	Baptiste 26 og
HT 1-1	Att 17,177
<b>Ipswich</b> .....0	<b>Burnley</b> .....0
HT 0-0	Att 15,721
<b>Leicester</b> .....2	<b>Huddersfld</b> .....1
Vardy 11, Gerrard 38 og	Konchiesky 67 og
HT 2-0	Att 22,297
<b>Millwall</b> .....2	<b>Q.P.R.</b> .....2
McDonald 51	Kranjcar 26
HT 0-1	Att 13,727
<b>Nottm For</b> .....1	<b>CHERRIES</b> .....1
Lansbury 39	Pugh 90
HT 1-0	Att 28,070
<b>Reading</b> .....4	<b>Doncaster</b> .....1
Guthrie 11	Robinson 31
La Fondre 39, McCleary 80	
Pogrebnyak 90	Att 17,697
HT 2-1	
<b>Watford</b> .....2	<b>Derby City</b> .....3
Forrester 12	Ward 8,45
McGugan 68	Sammon 88
HT 1-2	Att 16,180
<b>Yeovil</b> .....0	<b>Brighton</b> .....0
HT 0-0	Att 6,873

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Burnley	12	4	2	0	12	3	5	0	1	10	4	29	Morecambe	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
Q.P.R.	11	5	1	0	8	1	3	2	0	6	3	27	Ellison 8												
Leicester	12	5	1	0	11	5	3	1	2	8	7	26	HT 1-0												
Nottm For	12	4	2	0	11	5	2	3	1	9	7	23	<b>Newport County</b> 3												
Blackpool	12	4	2	0	6	2	2	3	1	8	7	23	Zekroski 23												
Reading	12	4	2	0	12	5	2	2	2	7	6	22	Minshull 45												
Watford	12	3	2	1	13	7	3	1	2	11	7	21	Crow 89												
Derby City	12	1	2	3	9	13	4	1	1	15	7	18	HT 0-0												
<b>CHERRIES</b>	12	4	0	2	11	8	1	2	3	8	17	17	<b>Northampton</b> 2												
Blackburn	12	3	1	2	10	5	1	2	3	7	9	15	Dagenham												
Ipswich	12	4	0	2	11	5	0	3	3	7	11	15	Norris 28												
Wigan	10	3	2	0	10	6	1	0	4	4	5	14	Hines 40												
Huddersfld	12	2	3	1	10	6	1	0	4	4	4	14	Murphy 42												
Brighton	12	2	2	2	9	8	1	3	2	2	4	14	Att 4,046												
Leeds Utd	11	2	1	2	6	6	2	1	3	4	7	14	<b>POMPEY</b> 1												
Middlesbro	12	1	4	1	11	9	1	2	3	8	12	12	N Gala 4												
Doncaster	11	2	1	3	6	8	1	2	2	5	8	12	HT 1-0												
Millwall	12	2	1	3	8	10	1	2	3	6	15	12	<b>Scunthorpe</b> 0												
Birmingham	11	2	1	3	10	6	1	0	4	3	9	10	Exeter												
Charlton	11	1	2	2	3	4	1	2	3	6	10	10													
Bolton	12	0	4	2	5	7	1	0	3	5	12	9													
Barnsley	12	2	2	2	9	15	0	0	5	14	8	8													
Sheff Wed	11	0	3	2	5	7	0	4	2	6	10	0													
Yeovil	12	0	1	5	1	8	1	2	3	5	10	6													

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<b>Brentford</b> .....3	<b>Colchester</b> .....1
Trotta 76	Okuonghae 49
Saville 80	
Harris 87	Att 5,705
HT 0-0	
<b>Crawley</b> .....1	<b>Bradford</b> .....0
Sindair 54	
HT 0-0	Att 3,836
<b>Crews</b> .....1	<b>Bristol C</b> .....0
Moore 90 pen	
HT 0-0	Att 4,781
<b>Gillingham</b> .....1	<b>Preston</b> .....2
Kedwell 76	Keane 47
HT 0-0	Brownhill 53
<b>M K Dons</b> .....3	<b>Rotherham</b> .....2
Williams 45 pen	Frecklington 73
Reeves 66	Flanagan 75 og
Barnford 88	
HT 1-0	Att 11,564
<b>Oldham</b> .....1	<b>Carlisle</b> .....0
Rooney 26 pen	
HT 1-0	Att 4,478
<b>Peterboro</b> .....1	<b>Shrewsbury</b> .....0
Mendez-Laing 64	
HT 0-0	Att 6,956
<b>Sheff Utd</b> .....2	<b>Port Vale</b> .....1
Collins 12	Yates 45
Doyle 75	
HT 1-1	Att 18,545
<b>Tranmere</b> .....0	<b>Leyton O</b> .....4
	Liebie 22,61
	Cox 78
	Batt 65
	Att 4,313
HT 0-1	
<b>Walsall</b> .....2	<b>Stevenage</b> .....1
Sawyers 11	Zoko 72
Westcar 56	
HT 1-0	Att 3,720
<b>Wolves</b> .....1	<b>Coventry</b> .....1
Griffiths 68	Phillips 86
HT 0-0	Att 22,939

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